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**TWO NEW MEMBERS WIN THEIR SPURS
IN THIS NEW, BOOK-LENGTH ADVENTURE OF
THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA !!!**

• FEATURING •

**HAWKMAN, THE ATOM, DR. FATE, THE SPECTRE, THE SANDMAN,
JOHNNY THUNDER, DR. MIDNITE and STARMAN!**



THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF *America*

HEREBY ELECTS GREEN LANTERN AS
THE FOURTH HONORARY MEMBER, LIKE
SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND THE FLASH —
SAID HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO BE
FOR LIFE... AND DOES HEREBY ELECT
DR. MID-NITE AS THE NEW ACTIVE MEM-
BER IN HIS PLACE!

AND A LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS
HEREBY GRANTED TO THE HOURMAN,
WHOSE ACTIVE DUTIES WILL BE TAKEN
UP BY THE STARMAN!

— MAKING OUR ROLL CALL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
AS FOLLOWS —

HAWKMAN
THE SANDMAN
THE ATOM
THE SPECTRE
HONORARY MEMBERS
SUPERMAN
THE FLASH

JOHNNY THUNDER
DOCTOR FATE
DR. MID-NITE
THE STARMAN
BATMAN
GREEN LANTERN



UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HAWKMAN (WHO IS NOW CHAIRMAN SINCE
THE GREEN LANTERN HAS BECOME THE FOURTH HONORARY MEMBER, LIKE
SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND THE FLASH), THE JUSTICE SOCIETY HAS RE-
SOLVED TO CARRY ON ITS GOOD WORK BUT SUDDENLY IT COMES
FACE TO FACE WITH A NEW, WEIRD EVIL THAT THREATENS THE VERY

FOUNDATION OF JUSTICE! NEVER BEFORE
HAS THE JUSTICE SOCIETY BEEN FACED
WITH SUCH A PERPLEXING PROBLEM UN-
TIL THE ADVENT OF DOCTOR MID-NITE,
AND HIS MASCOT MOOTY, A WISE OLD OWL!

THE FOLLOWING PAGES DESCRIBE HOW HE
AND THE STARMAN WIN THEIR SPURS
AS ACTIVE MEMBERS OF
★ THE JUSTICE SOCIETY ★
OF AMERICA!



JOHNNY THUNDER MEETS THE HAWKMAN ON THE WAY TO A MEETING OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY....

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOHNNY? YOU LOOK SAD!

SHUCKS, I SHOULD BE...

... I HAD A FAKE CITY CONTRACTOR READY TO CONFESS TO ME, THEN... FLOOBY! - HE GUES OFF THE HANDLE - COMPLETELY BATTY! - THINKS HE'S AN APE OR SOMETHING!

HM-M, THAT'S STRANGE...

... JUST AS I WAS CLOSING IN ON THE RACKETEERS I WAS WORKING ON, THE MAIN WITNESS WENT RAVING MAD! I WONDER...

DAISY WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD OF ME...



CHEER UP, JOHNNY, THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE IN THE SAME FIX....

MY MAN YELLED "EEE-YAH"! LIKE A GORILLA!

MINE, TOO!

MINE THOUGHT THE LIGHT WAS BLINDING HIM!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY THE MEMBERS ARE FLABBERGASTED - THEY DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN -

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

HERE WE ARE... ALL WORKING ON SEPARATE CASES... AND AS SOON AS WE GET A WITNESS - BLOOBY! HE GOES DAFFY!

WE'RE STUMPED!

AND I THOUGHT WE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY COULD DO ANYTHING!



JUST THEN...

WHAT? - WHO...

WHY - IT'S THE FAMOUS DR. MID-NITE!

YES, GENTLEMEN! AND I NEED YOUR HELP!

HA... AT THE MOMENT WE COULD USE SOME HELP OURSELVES... BUT WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

WHOO! WHOO!

CRIMINALS ARE USING A NEW WEAPON... MADNESS INSTEAD OF MURDER! LET ME TELL YOU MY STORY...

WE'RE ALL EARS!



AND SO DR. MID-NITE, WHO CAN SEE IN THE DARK LIKE AN OWL, AND TERRORIZES CRIMINALS WITH HIS UNUSUAL POWER, TELLS HIS STRANGE STORY...



IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT... I WAS DICTATING AN IMPORTANT LETTER TO MY SECRETARY, MYRA MASON... SUDDENLY...

-- IMPORTANT BULLETIN! A DANGEROUS MANIAC HAS ESCAPED FROM THE OAKDALE SANITARIUM!

MY! THAT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE, DR. MCNIDER?

...THE ESCAPED PATIENT IS JOHN GRAW, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF ROADS, WHO WENT RAVING MAD DURING A PROBE OF GRAFT IN HIS OFFICE--- WATCH OUT FOR HIM-- HE IS DANGEROUS...

... I HASTILY DISMISSED MYRA--

OH, I HOPE HE DOESN'T DO ANY HARM!

HE'LL PROBABLY BE FOUND BEFORE HE DOES-- WE CAN FINISH THIS WORK TOMORROW -- I FEEL TIRED..

..AS SOON AS MYRA HAD LEFT..

IF A DANGEROUS MANIAC IS ABROAD I MIGHT BE OF MORE USE AS DR. MID-NITE! COME ON, HOOTY!

WHOO!

..THEN BEFORE LEAVING I CONSULTED MY FILES....

...SEE IF I HAVE ANYTHING ON THE GRAW INVESTIGATION.. NO NEED TO PUT ON THE LIGHT-- I CAN SEE JUST AS WELL IN THE DARK..

..I FOUND A CLIPPING THAT ASTOUNDED ME!!!

...IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT I WAS ASLEEP WHEN I HEARD A STRANGE NOISE. I WENT TO SEE WHAT IT WAS AND FOUND A MAN IN A DARK ROOM. HE WAS TRYING TO BIND HIMSELF TO A DISEASE. HE SAID HE WAS A DANGEROUS MANIAC AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL EVERYONE WHO CAME NEAR HIM. HE WAS VERY SCARED AND I TRIED TO HELP HIM. HE SAID HE WAS A DANGEROUS MANIAC AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL EVERYONE WHO CAME NEAR HIM. HE WAS VERY SCARED AND I TRIED TO HELP HIM.

WELL, THIS IS A CASE FOR DR. MID-NITE!

WHOOO!

...I HAD SCARCELY REACHED THE GROUND..

WHAT'S THAT, HOOTY?



I HADN'T EXPECTED MY SEARCH
TO END SO SOON.....



HE SEEMED TO HAVE THE
STRENGTH OF TEN MEN AND
THE FURY OF A DEMON.....



A
TRICK I
LEARNED
AT
COLLEGE
CAME IN
HANDY...



...THE BLOW PUT GRAY OUT LONG ENOUGH TO TIE HIM UP SAFELY.....



...GLAD WE HAD THIS TUSSELE...



-IT HELPED ME TO DIAGNOSE THIS CASE...



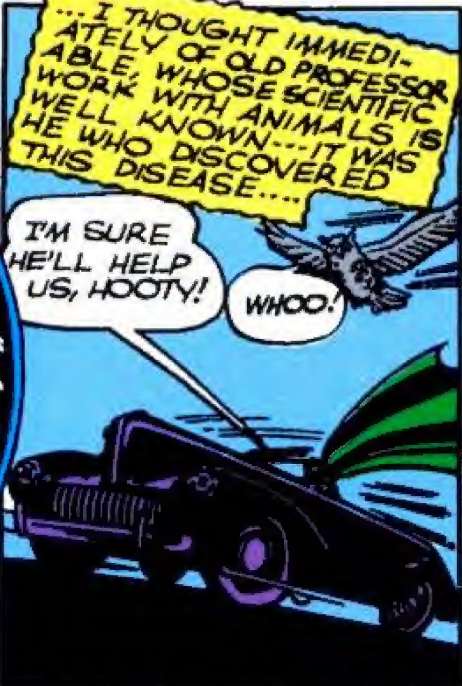
THOSE BLIND CHARGES HE MADE AT ME--THE FEAR OF LIGHT--EVEN THAT STRANGE CRY--ALL ADD UP TO ONE THING!



--AND THIS BLOOD TEST PROVES IT!



THIS IS A VERY RARE DISEASE! BUT IT'S ALWAYS FOUND AMONG APES! IT'S NEVER ATTACKED HUMANS BEFORE! THERE'S SOMETHING VERY FUNNY HERE!!



...I THOUGHT IMMEDIATELY OF OLD PROFESSOR ABLE, WHOSE SCIENTIFIC WORK WITH ANIMALS IS WELL KNOWN---IT WAS HE WHO DISCOVERED THIS DISEASE....

I'M SURE HE'LL HELP US, HOOTY!

WHOO!

My VISIT AWAKENED THE OLD CARETAKER...



A BIT INFORMAL-- BUT I MUST SEE PROFESSOR ABLE!

-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE--



THIS IS URGENT!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND-- HE LEFT FOR AFRICA A MONTH AGO ON A SCIENTIFIC TRIP----

THIS IS TERRIBLE! HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HELP-- HOW CAN I REACH HIM BY RADIO?

I DON'T KNOW -- HIS TRIP WAS A SECRET --- HE SAID VERY LITTLE ABOUT HIS PLANS--

-- I SEARCHED PROFESSOR ABLE'S LABORATORY IN VAIN FOR THE ANTIDOTE HE HAD PERFECTED....

NOTES OF ALL KINDS BUT ONLY PROFESSOR ABLE KNOWS WHAT THEY MEAN--

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU IN, BUT THE FAMOUS DR. MID-NITE CAN MEAN NO HARM--

-- FINALLY I FOUND A VIAL FILLED WITH A SUBSTANCE I COULDN'T IDENTIFY....

SOLUTION K! I WONDER WHAT THAT IS! SAY! THIS MIGHT BE THE ANTIDOTE!

...IN THE CELLAR WERE APES KEPT FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.

THERE'S ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE--! I'LL NEED YOUR HELP!

FIRST WE'LL INJECT THE APE WITH THE GERMS OF THIS DISEASE--

-- IN A MOMENT HE SHOWED THE SAME SYMPTOMS AS GRAW DID IN THE WOODS....

EEE-YAH!

LOOK OUT!

IF THIS DOESN'T WORK IT'S JUST TOO BAD!!

I MET HIS ONRUSH WITH AN INJECTION OF SOLUTION K..

-- BUT IT DID! THE APE IMMEDIATELY QUIETED DOWN AND BECAME AS DOCILE AS A LAMB--

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

PUT HIM BACK IN THE CAGE! I HAVE WORK TO DO!

I RUSHED BACK TO GRAW....AN INJECTION OF SOLUTION K HAD THE SAME EFFECT ON HIM..

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHERE IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY? I WANT TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH!



..I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO GRAW AND HE TOLD ME HIS STORY.....

---AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE A CLEAN RECORD--- WHEN THE POLITICAL RING APPOINTED ME TO OFFICE I WAS SUSPICIOUS, BUT DETERMINED TO DO AN HONEST JOB--



WHATEVER GRAFT THERE WAS IN MY OFFICE WENT ON BEHIND MY BACK-- WHEN THE INVESTIGATION STARTED I WAS DETERMINED TO TELL EVERYTHING I FOUND OUT...

YES, BUT THIS MADNESS...WHAT STARTED IT?



I DON'T KNOW--JUST AS I WENT TO THE WITNESS STAND MY LAWYER LEANED OVER TO WHISPER TO ME-- I FELT A PAIN IN MY ARM, THEN EVERYTHING GREW BRIGHT--- MY EYES PAINED ME--

YOUR LAWYER! GIVE ME HIS NAME AND ADDRESS!



I HASTENED TO THE LAWYER'S OFFICE..



GOOD THING I CAN SEE IN THE DARK... I CAN SEARCH THE PLACE WITHOUT ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

..IN A DESK I FOUND A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE..

THIS PROVES GRAW WAS TELLING ME THE TRUTH---



...AND LETTERS WHICH SHOWED ME THAT THE LAWYER WAS ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH THE POLITICAL RING.

--- SO HE DOUBLE-CROSSED HIS OWN CLIENT! WHAT'S THAT!? SOMEONE AT THE DOOR--!



..I QUICKLY HID IN A DARK ANTE-ROOM---

WHAT CAN BE GOING ON AT THIS HOUR?



-- THE LAWYER ENTERED THE ROOM WITH THE NOTORIOUS POLITICAL BOSS OF THE CITY...



BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO MEET PROFESSOR ELBA AT THIS UNEARTHLY HOUR?

IT'S SAFER-- WE WON'T BE SEEN TOGETHER--



YOU KNOW THAT'S A PRETTY BIG CUT HE'S DEMANDING FROM US!

WELL, IN A WAY-- BUT DON'T FORGET WE'RE ALL SAFE THIS WAY-- IF WE HAD TO BUMP GRAW OFF THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN DANGEROUS!



SO THAT'S THE STORY-- WELL, HERE'S WHERE I GO INTO ACTION--!!



...I CRASHED A BLACKOUT BOMB TO THE FLOOR....

HEY, WHAT'S THIS?!

STOP, YOU!!



IN THE DARKNESS THE TWO CULPRITS CRASHED INTO EACH OTHER....

WELL, THAT SAVES ME A JOB!



-- I HAD THEM TIED UP BEFORE THEY CAME TO--

NOW, GENTLEMEN, TALK AND TALK FAST!


YOU CAN'T BLUFF US!

NAH! WE GOT THE LAW ON OUR SIDE!



MAYBE THIS WILL HELP-- I FOUND IT IN YOUR DESK!

NO! PLEASE DON'T! I'LL TELL EVERYTHING!



-- IN A MOMENT THEY WERE BOTH BUSY WRITING CONFESSIONS....

HOW D'YA SPELL HY- HYPO- DERMIC?



--I READ THE CONFESSIONS--

FINE! BUT YOU DON'T SAY MUCH ABOUT THIS PROFESSOR ELBA-- TELL ME MORE ABOUT HIM!

THAT'S ALL WE KNOW-- HONEST!

HE'S CUT IN ON OUR RACKET BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO BUMP GUYS OFF! WE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!



I DIDN'T KNOW THAT AT THAT MOMENT PROFESSOR ELBA'S EYES WERE UPON ME!

AH! THE FAMOUS DR. MID-NITE!

--THERE WAS A WARNING CRY FROM HOOTY BUT A BLOW TO THE BACK OF MY HEAD FELL BEFORE I COULD TURN AROUND!



WHOO! WHOO!



--THE BLOW DAZED ME-- I COULD SEE ONLY THE SHADOW OF A FIGURE OVER ME AND HEAR HIS WORDS---

PREPARE TO DIE, DR. MID-NITE-- I AM GOING TO SHOOT YOU!



--WITH A SCREECH HOOTY FLEW INTO HIS FACE AND THE SHOT WENT WILD...!



-- BELIEVING THE SHOT WOULD ATTRACT THE POLICE, PROFESSOR ELBA FLED WITHOUT MY SEEING HIS FACE!

WELL, PROFESSOR ELBA GOT AWAY BUT YOU TWO WON'T-- NOT WITH THESE CONFESSIONS IN MY HANDS!

--THE NEXT DAY MYRA WAS PLEASED BUT I WASN'T--



--SO GRAW ISN'T GUILTY AFTER ALL! HE OWES HIS FREEDOM TO DR. MID-NITE! HE CERTAINLY KEEPS 'EM FLYING!

THERE ISN'T ANY DR. MID-NITE! IF THERE IS WHY DOESN'T HE FIND OUT WHO WAS REALLY IN BACK OF THIS CRIME?

BACK AT THE MEETING OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY...

...AND THAT'S MY PROBLEM, GENTLEMEN... AND YOURS, TOO! WE HAVE TO FIND THIS PROFESSOR ELBA!



AT ONCE THE CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE START OFF...

HE'S A MENACE TO JUSTICE!

WE HAVE TO GET HOLD OF HIM... FAST!

HE SURE MADE A FOOL OUT OF ME!

WAIT, MEMBERS! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!



WHILE THIS PROFESSOR ELBA HAS CROSSED THE PATH OF EVERY ONE OF US, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT NONE OF US EVEN KNOWS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!

GOSH! THAT'S RIGHT...

THE ONLY FELLOWS WHO COULD HAVE HELPED US ARE ALL ACTING LIKE A BUNCH OF APES, OR ELSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF LIGHT!

BUT DR. MID-NITE STEPS UP AGAIN...

I'VE ANALYZED THIS SOLUTION K AND MADE A SUPPLY FOR ALL OF YOU! RESTORE THE SANITY OF PROFESSOR ELBA'S VICTIMS! THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A CLUE!



AND SO, ARMED WITH SOLUTION K, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY START ON ONE OF THEIR STRANGEST MISSIONS... TO FIND THE MAN WHO HAS FOILED THE EFFORTS OF EVERY ONE OF THEM! CAN THEY COPE WITH THIS POWERFUL ENEMY OF JUSTICE? WE SHALL SEE....

NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!

GOOD OLE' DOCTOR MID-NITE!

WITH THIS STUFF I WON'T NEED MY PET THUNDERBOLT - I HOPE!



INZA WAITS
IN HER CAR
OUTSIDE THE
JUSTICE
SOCIETY
MEETING
FOR
DOCTOR
FATE....

INZA! I HAVE
SOMETHING THAT
I THINK WILL CLEAR
UP THIS MYSTERY—
AND HELP BILL
AND MARGE AT
THE SAME TIME!

THERE! NOW
TO SEE IF HE
REMEMBERS
ANYTHING THAT
HAPPENED
BEFORE THAT
DRUG GOT
HIM!

OH...
OH- I...
I FEEL
BETTER...
SO MUCH
BETTER!

I SANK ALL
MY MONEY INTO
THAT BUS FRANCHISE,
AND THEN THOSE
CROOKED POLITICIANS
TRY AND DEFRAUD ME
OUT OF IT WHEN IT
STARTS MAKING DOUGH!
GOOPY GUS GLUCK
IS BEHIND ALL THIS!

— EASY, BILL!
SO THAT'S
WHY THEY
INJECTED
YOU AND
MADE YOU
CRAZY!

BILL FORD!
YOU SURE YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT?

SURE I'M SURE...
I— OH, HELLO, INZA!
MARGE! THOSE
RATS HAVE MARGE!

EASY,
BILL!

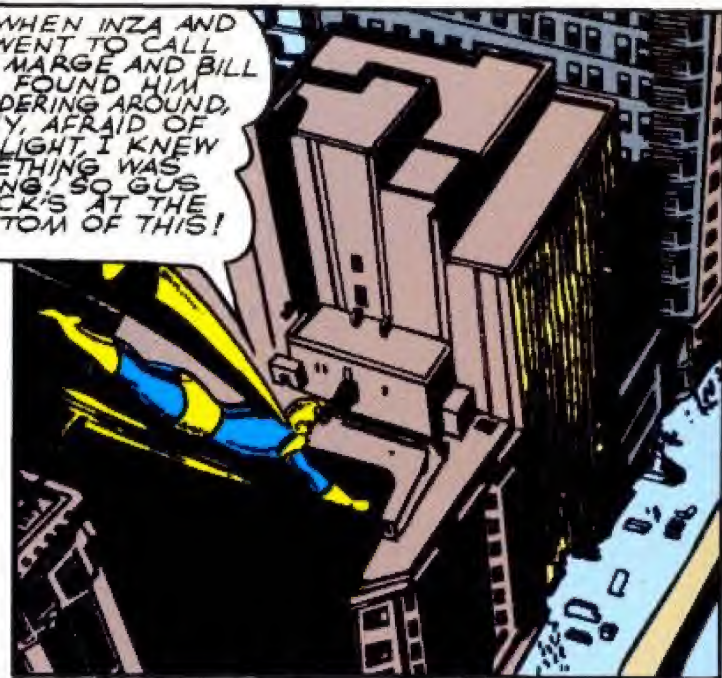
BUT THE WORST PART
OF IT ALL IS THAT
THEY KIDNAPPED
MARGE! MY WIFE,
INZA! MY MARGE!
GUS HAD HER
KIDNAPPED
TONIGHT!

THERE, THERE,
BILL! I'M SURE
DOCTOR FATE
WILL BE ABLE
TO HELP
YOU!



I'M GOING TO HELP HIM, EVEN IF I HAVE TO TAKE THIS CROOKED TOWN APART TO DO IT!

WHEN INZA AND I WENT TO CALL ON MARGE AND BILL AND FOUND HIM WANDERING AROUND, CRAZY, AFRAID OF THE LIGHT, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG. SO GUS GLUCK'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS!



NOTHING LIKE BEING A LITTLE CUT-UP!

WHAM



IT-IT'S DOCTOR FATE!

YOU DON'T NEED ANY SECOND GUESSES, BOYS!!



-- UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!



THIS SOFA COMES IN HANDY-- AND SOFA SO GOOD!

OUCH!

OOOH!



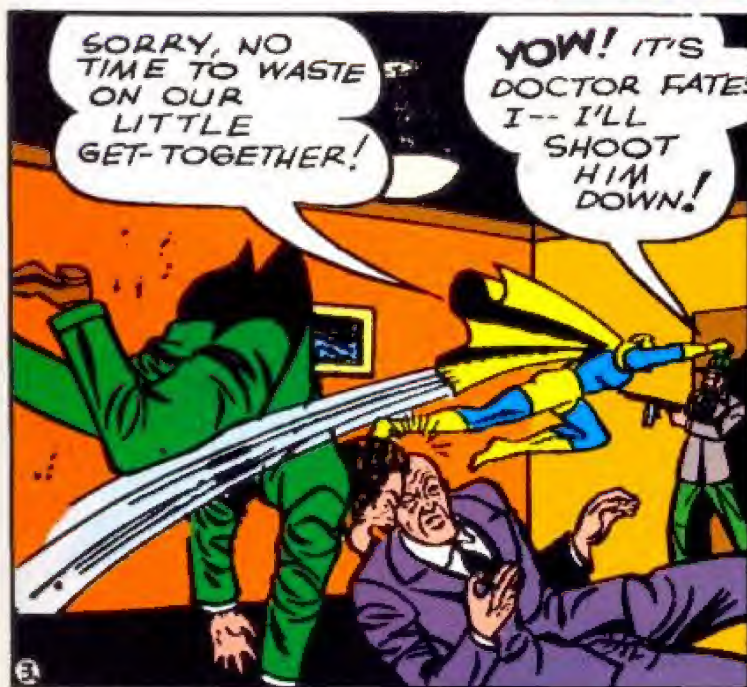
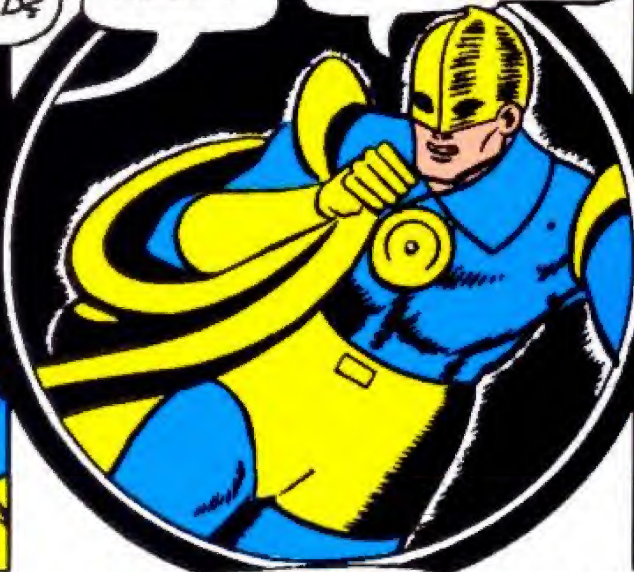
COUGH UP WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS BUS FRANCHISE RACKET THAT GOOPY GUS IS IN ON! OR ELSE I CHOKE IT OUT OF YOU!



WHERE IS MARGE HELD?

AT THE HOUSEBOAT OFF ROCKY HOOK!

HMM--LOOKS AS THOUGH I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A SEA VOYAGE!



HE ENTERS THE ROOM...

MARGE!
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT?



WE CAN'T STAND ON
CEREMONY AND USE
THE DOOR, BECAUSE
THERE ARE A FEW
PEEVED BOYS
BACK THERE
WITH WHOM
I'M NOT ON
SPEAKING
TERMS!

BUT-BUT
WHERE ARE
WE
GOING?



OVER IN ZA'S PENTHOUSE
DOCTOR FATE SWIFTLY
DESCENDS.....

OH, BILL!

DARLING!
DARLING!



BUT HOW
CAN WE
EVER THANK
YOU?

DON'T THANK
ME YET-- IF
I'M NOT MIS-
TAKEN, GOOPY
GUS WILL BE
HOT FOR REVENGE--
HE'LL ATTACK
YOUR
BUSES--

SURE!
THAT'S
WHAT
HE'LL
DO!

--AND WHEN
HE DOES
ATTACK THEM,
HE'LL FIND A
LITTLE SURPRISE
PACKAGE WAITING
FOR HIM!



GOOPY GUS GETS WORD
THAT MARGE HAS ESCAPED..

HEY, GUS!
DOCTOR FATE
JUST PITCHED
INTO US AND
GOT MARGE
BENSON
AWAY FROM
US! WHAT'LL
WE DO?

FATE? OH!
I DIDN'T KNOW
HE'D BE RIGHT-
ING US! HMM--
THE BEST BET
WE HAVE IS TO
WRECK THOSE
BUSES SO
THAT THEIR LOSS
WILL TIE UP
BILL BENSON'S
HANDS!



WHEN WE SEE A BUS
COME TOWARD US, YOU BOYS
HOP OUT AND JUMP IT-- BEAT
UP THE DRIVER AND RUN THE
BUS INTO A TELEPHONE POLE!

SURE!
WE'LL
DO
THAT--
EASY!



A
BENSON
LINE
BUS
TRUNDLES
ALONG
THE
ROAD...

THIS IS
GONNA
BE
FUN!

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
BE LET LOOSE
ON ONE OF
THESE!





FARES, PLEASE!

FARE, NOTHIN'!
WE'RE GONNA WRECK
THIS BUS! SCRAM,
YOUSE FOLKS DAT
DON'T WANNA GET
HURT!

THE DRIVER RISES AND
REMOVES HIS COAT AND
CAP....

JUST ONE
MOMENT,
GENTLEMEN!



DID I UNDERSTAND
YOU TO SAY THAT
YOU WERE GOING
TO WRECK THIS
BUS?

DOCTOR
FATE!
OH-ER.
HA-HA!
JUST A
JOKE!

DAT'S
ALL!
JUST
FER A
LAUGH!



OUR AXES!
THEY
SNAPPED
OFF ON
HIM!

I THINK
I'LL DO
SOME
SNAPPING
WITH YOU!



I'LL START WITH
THIS BUS HANDGRIP!
I SNAP IT OFF--THEN
GET TO SNAP IT OVER
YOUR HEADS!

NO! AW HAVE
A HEART, DOCTOR
FATE! LET'S
TALK THINGS
OVER!



I'LL TELL YA
ALL ABOUT GOOPY
GUS! HERE-- LET
ME PAY FER THAT
PIPE YA JUST
BROKE OFF!

A
SPLENDID
SUGGES-
TION!
DRIVER,
STEP
FORWARD!



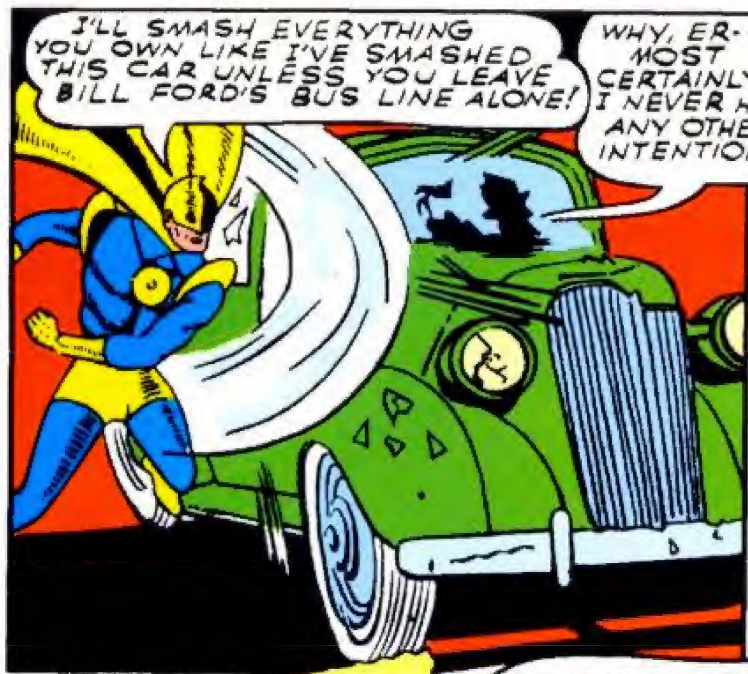
THANKS FOR
THE LOAN OF
THESE THINGS! I
TOLD YOU WE MIGHT
MEET WITH HOODLUMS!
AND HERE'S THE MONEY
FOR THAT HANDRAIL!
SEE THAT IT
GETS BACK
TO YOUR
BOSS!

SURE! THANKS,
DOCTOR FATE!
GEE, IT CERTAIN-
LY IS SOMETHING
TO SEE YOU
IN ACTION!
KEEP 'EM
FLYING, DOC!



THERE'S GOOPY-
WAITIN' TO SEE
US WRECK THE
BUS-- HE DON'T
TAKE NO CHANCES!

THIS IS
ONE CHANCE
HE CAN'T
AVOID! MY
FIST!



I'LL SMASH EVERYTHING YOU OWN LIKE I'VE SMASHED THIS CAR UNLESS YOU LEAVE BILL FORD'S BUS LINE ALONE!

WHY, ER-- MOST CERTAINLY! I NEVER HAD ANY OTHER INTENTION!

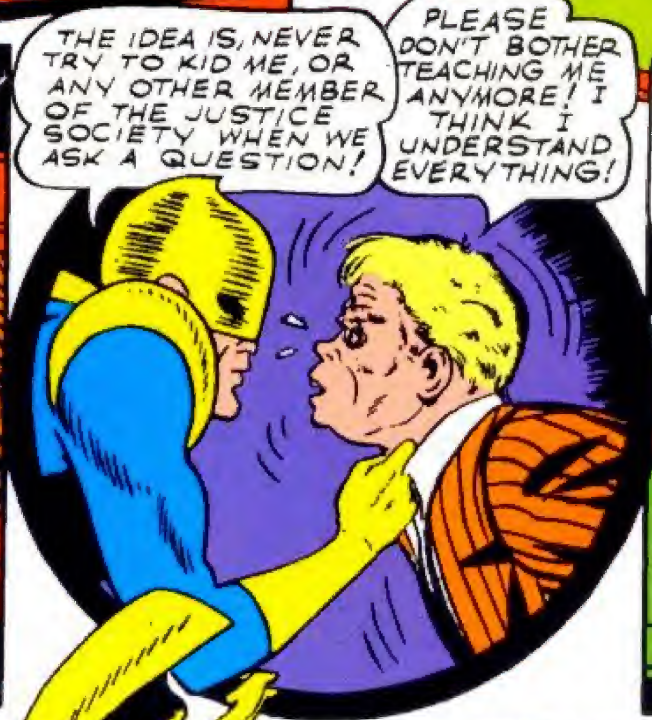


DON'T GIVE ME THAT LINE! GOOPY, I CAN SEE YOU REALLY NEED A LESSON!



GOOPY GUS SAILS THROUGH THE AIR AND SMACKS HIS HEAD AGAINST ONE OF BILL FORD'S BUSES....

OWWOWW!



THE IDEA IS, NEVER TRY TO KID ME, OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY WHEN WE ASK A QUESTION!

PLEASE DON'T BOTHER TEACHING ME ANYMORE! I THINK I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING!



THERE.. I'VE TOLD EVERYTHING! NOW- NOW CAN I GO AWAY WHERE-- WHERE I WON'T SEE YOU ANYMORE? YOU-- SCARE ME!

THIS TIME I REALLY WILL OBLIGE YOU!



LOOK RIGHT DOWN BELOW YOU, GOOPY! YOU CAN SEE THE PLACE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO STAY-- SO YOU WON'T SEE ME FOR QUITE AWHILE!

OH! JAIL!



AND BACK AT INZA'S PENTHOUSE....

HERE YOU ARE, BILL! GOOPY GUS WROTE OUT A COMPLETE CONFESSION! YOU WON'T HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE!

GOSH! -- ALL OUR TROUBLES ARE OVER -- JUST LIKE THAT!

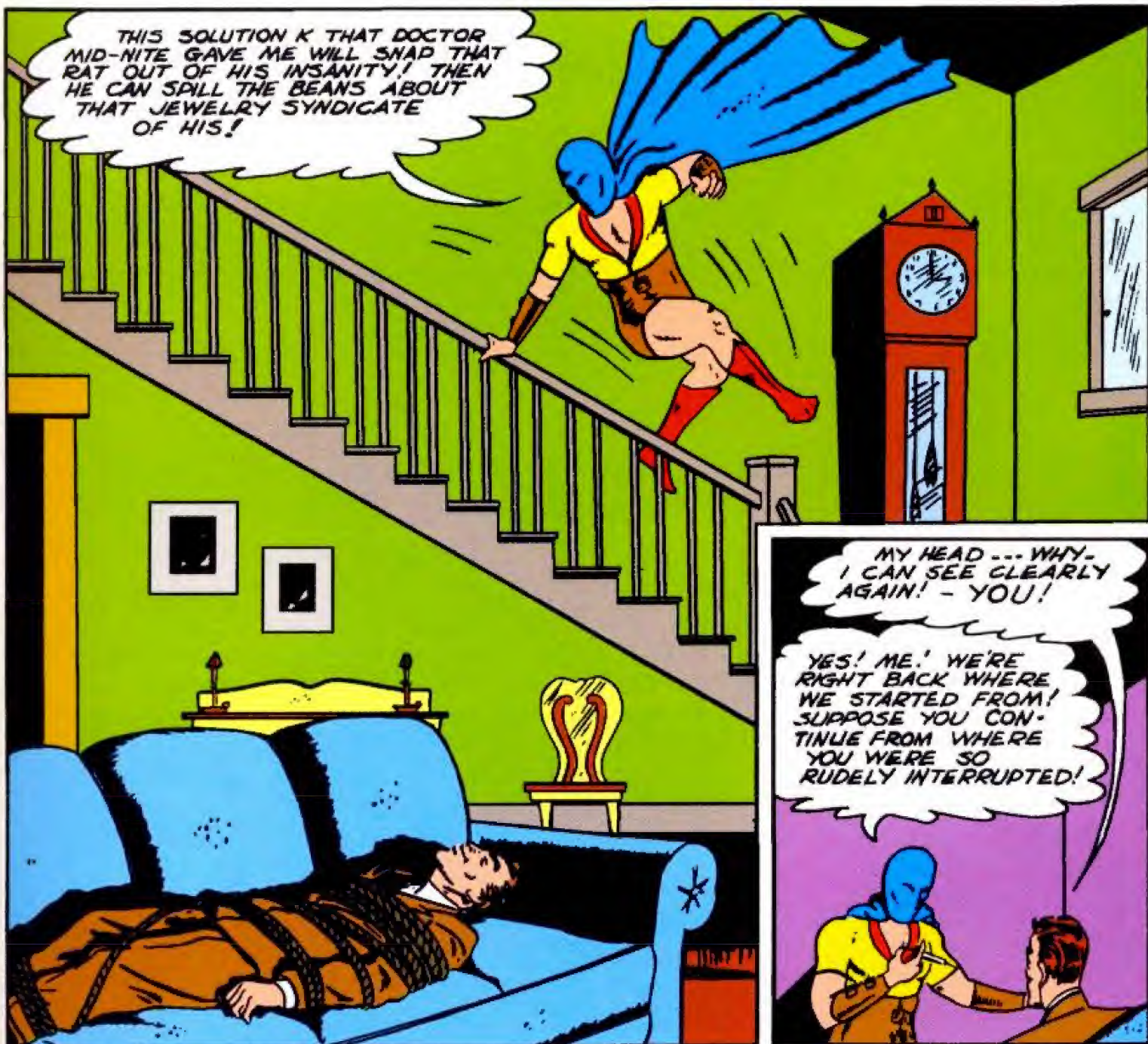


NOW WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT TO FIND PROFESSOR ELBA! HE'S THE ONE WHO SELLS THAT DRUG THAT TURNS MEN'S MINDS! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

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THIS SOLUTION K THAT DOCTOR MID-NITE GAVE ME WILL SNAP THAT RAT OUT OF HIS INSANITY! THEN HE CAN SPILL THE BEANS ABOUT THAT JEWELRY SYNDICATE OF HIS!



MY HEAD --- WHY - I CAN SEE CLEARLY AGAIN! - YOU!

YES! ME! WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM! SUPPOSE YOU CONTINUE FROM WHERE YOU WERE SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED!



WELL, THE AFTERNOON I CAME INTO THE COLLEGE JEWELRY STORE THERE WAS A YOUNG FELLOW WORKING BEHIND THE COUNTER ---



LET'S GO BACK TO THAT AFTERNOON AT THE JEWELRY STORE - THAT YOUNG CLERK, ODDLY ENOUGH, IS AL PRATT - THE ATOM!

HEY, BUDDY! PSSST! C'MERE!

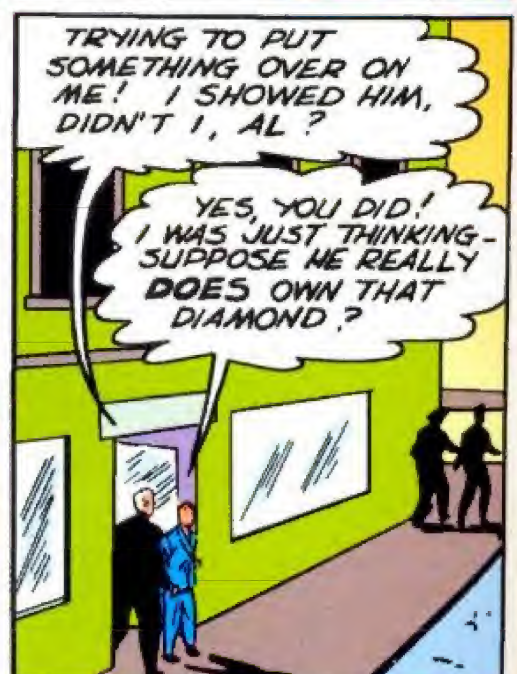
YES SIR. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



HOW MUCH'LL YOU GIVE ME FER THIS JOOL, BUDDY? HOW MUCH? IT'S GENUINE!

WOW! WHAT A BEAUTY!... I CAN'T SAY! YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE OWNER! I ONLY WORK HERE PART-TIME!





GOING TO HIS DORMITORY AL PRATT CHANGES HIS CLOTHES AND BECOMES THE ATOM!



I'LL DROP INTO THAT LAWYER'S OFFICE! HE SAID THE PAYMENT WAS TO BE MADE AT EIGHT TONIGHT! WON'T DO ANY HARM TO LOOK IN!

AT THE LAW OFFICES OF HARTFORD DORMLEY...



HERE'S MY CHECK!

THAT OUGHT TO TEACH YOU NOT TO MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF HONEST MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO SELL THEIR JEWELS CHEAP!

AS SOON AS CORSON LEAVES...

THAT'S THE TENTH TIME WE'VE PULLED THAT IN OUR DISTRICT! TEN GRAND. AND NOBODY'S OFFERED TO BUY THIS YET!

WELL, IF SOME CHISELER DOES WANT TO BUY IT, I WON'T SELL IT! I'LL SAY, "SORRY, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND!"



HMM, THAT IS A RACKET! HE LOOKS FRIGHTENED, MAKES THE JEWELER THINK HE'S A CROOK, AND HAS HIM ARRESTED! THEN HE SUES! A FOOL-PROOF SCHEME... BUT A NASTY ONE!



GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!

WHO?

YOW! I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE... HE'S THE ATOM! BEAT IT!



NICE NIGHT FOR WALKING, ISN'T IT? FOR WALKING DOWN TO THE POLICE STATION AND GIVING YOURSELVES UP!

WE GOTTA GET AWAY FROM HIM!

I HAD THE SAME IDEA MYSELF!



THAT'S ONE IDEA YOU MIGHT AS WELL FORGET!

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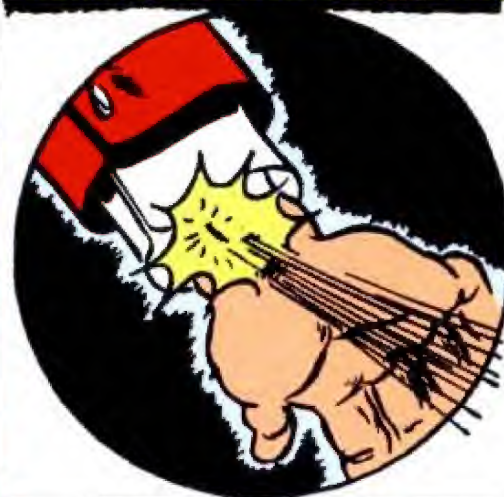
BELIEVING DORMLEY TO BE UNCONSCIOUS, THE ATOM LEAVES HIM --

WE'LL LEAVE OUR LEGAL FRIEND FOR THE TIME BEING. YOU'LL DO JUST AS WELL AS ANYONE FOR THE POLICE!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THIS. THAT DRUG GIVEN ME BY PROFESSOR ELBA!

THE LITTLE SLIVER IN THIS PIPE WILL PUT AN END TO ANY "CONFESSIONS"!

AS THE ATOM LEAPS THROUGH THE WINDOW, THE DRUGGED SLIVER FLIES WITH UNCANNY ACCURACY AND BURIES ITSELF IN SAM BRENT'S WRIST!



AT THE POLICE STATION--

OH-HO-HA-HA! HA-OH! THE LIGHTS! PUT OUT THE LIGHTS! THEY'RE KILLING ME!

WHAT?

SOUNDS LIKE A CRAZY MAN, ATOM!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS! HE WAS PERFECTLY NORMAL A FEW SECONDS AGO!

THE LIGHTS! AAAAAGH! MY EYES! I--I-- CAN'T STAND IT! SOB.. SOB!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS AT ALL -- A MAN DOESN'T GO INSANE JUST LIKE THAT! -- LET ME TAKE CARE OF HIM, SERGEANT, NO POINT IN JAILING HIM NOW!

HE TAKES BRENT TO HIS ROOM --

I'D BETTER LEAVE THIS CHAP HERE AND COLLECT THAT LAWYER CHAP BEFORE HE COMES TO!

BUT WHEN HE RETURNS FOR HARTFORD DORMLEY, HE FINDS HIM - GONE!

IT SEEMS MY BIRD HAS FLOWN! WELL, I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME! I'M LATE FOR THE JUSTICE SOCIETY MEETING AS IT IS!

AND SO, OF COURSE, AFTER THE JUSTICE SOCIETY MEETING, THE ATOM HAS BROUGHT BRENT TO HIS SENSES--

I WORK FOR A BIG FELLOW WHO FURNISHES US THE DIAMONDS. HE GIVES US A TEN PER CENT TAKE WHICH MAY AMOUNT TO FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK!



SO HE MAKES FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED FROM EACH MAN! WOW!... WHERE DOES THIS BIG FELLOW HANG OUT? SPILL IT!

HE'S AT HIS MANSION AT FALL CITY. HE LIVES ON THE OUTSKIRTS. A BIG HOUSE WITH A RED ROOF. BUT DON'T TELL 'IM I SQUEALED!



FALL CITY IS ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY! I'LL MAKE IT IN NO TIME!



THIS IS THE PLACE, RED ROOF AND ALL!



BUT WHOM SHALL I SAY IS CALL- UGH!

STAND ASIDE, BROTHER. I CAN'T WAIT TO BE POLITE! I HAVE WORK TO DO!



THAT'S THE GUY!

HOW DID HE LEARN ABOUT ME? I THOUGHT YOU GAVE BRENT A SHOT OF ELBA'S TONIC?



AHA, SO THAT'S IT! WELL, YOUR GAME IS UP!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, BOSS! OOF!

YAH! YOU CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES!

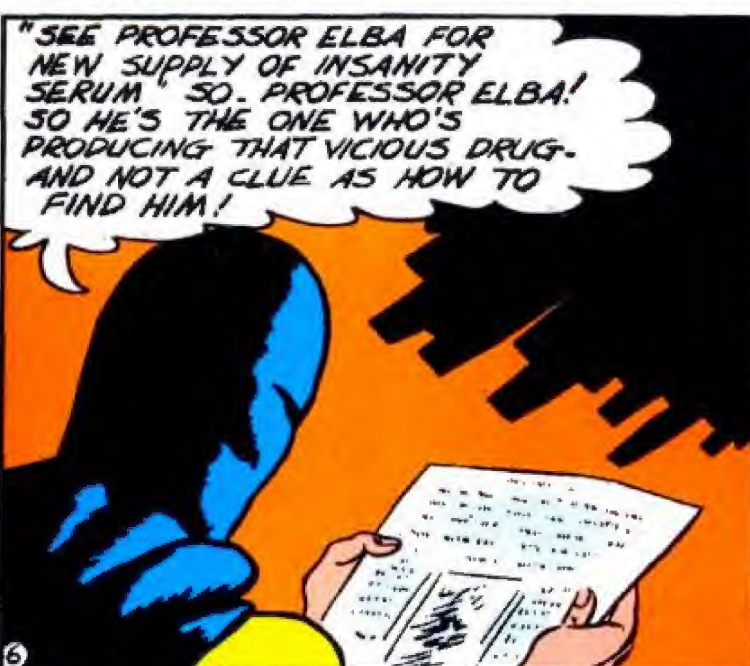


MY, MY, WHAT LOVELY PUNCHING BAGS!

TAKE OUT YER... CLIP, CLIPPINGS, BUTCH. AN' SHOW HIM WHO WE ARE!

HA-HAVEN'T GOT TIME! I'M TOO BUSY GETTIN' HIT!





FROM THE JUSTICE SOCIETY MEETING THE SANDMAN RACES TO A LONELY LITTLE CABIN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, WHERE TWO RAVING MANIACS, AWAIT HIS RETURN



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CLIFF YOUNG-

WHERE-WHERE AM I ?
OH, NOW I REMEMBER!
THE SANDMAN !

BUT DO YOU REMEMBER —
EVERYTHING ?



④

SANDMAN!
ANY LUCK ?

I THINK SO, DIAN!
WHERE ARE THE
PATIENTS ? I'M
GOING TO DO A
LITTLE DOCTORING !



WITH DIAN, DAUGHTER OF
DISTRICT ATTORNEY BELMONT
TO ASSIST HIM, HE INJECTS
THE VICTIMS WITH SOLUTION
'N' . . .

THERE ! THEY OUGHT TO
REACT PRETTY SOON ! AH,
THEY'RE COMING TO NOW !



YES, YES ! — THAT PLAN
OF TAKING PICTURES OF
WELL-KNOWN MEN AT THE
CONVENTION AND SELLING
THEM AT RIDICULOUSLY
HIGH PRICES — SURE, I
REMEMBER ! ONLY TOO WELL !



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TURNING THE CLOCK BACK TWO DAYS, WE LOOK IN AT THE OPENING OF THE POLITICAL CONVENTION . . . WHICH DISTRICT ATTORNEY BELMONT, DIAN AND WEALTHY WESLEY DODDS ATTEND . . .

JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE!

HMM, LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'LL GET OURSELVES IN THE PAPER!

YOU'D LIKE SOME STILLS OF THAT POSE, WOULDN'T YOU? WE'RE PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM THE PRESS!

WHY, YES, I'D LIKE SOME!



DIDN'T THINK YOU'D FALL FOR THAT RACKET, BELMONT!

HELLO. WHAT RACKET?

HEAR THAT, WES?

I DID!

A LOT OF UNKNOWN FELLOWS COME HERE FROM THE STICKS. PHOTOS ARE . . . SNAPPED OF THEM. NOT WANTING TO BE THOUGHT . . . CHEAP-SKATES THEY BUY A COUPLE -- AT FIFTY BUCKS A PICTURE! NEAT RACKET, EH?



A LITTLE TOO NEAT! THINK THE SANDMAN OUGHT TO LOOK INTO THIS!

AND I'LL TRAIL RIGHT ALONG WITH HIM!



IN A SPECIAL POCKET INSIDE HIS ROADSTER, WES DODDS KEEPS HIS SANDMAN COSTUME SO HE CAN DON IT EASILY . . .

READY?

READY! LET'S GO!



THE SANDMAN AND DIAN RACE THEIR MOTOR CAR THROUGH THE NIGHT! !

WE'RE COMING TO THAT PHOTOGRAPHER'S PLACE! SLOW DOWN WHILE I USE MY WIRE POON TO GET UP THERE!



BULLS-EYE!

HE AIMS HIS
WIREEPOON—
AND FIRES IT

POWERED BY A GREAT
SPRING IN THE BARREL OF
THE GUN, THE NEEDLE OF
THE WIREEPOON DIGS INTO
THE METAL OR BRICK OF
A WALL—AND THE WIRE
CABLE SNAPS TAUT.



I'LL JUST SEE
WHAT'S GOING
ON BEFORE I
START SLINGING
KNUCKLES
AROUND...



I UNDERSTAND KENNETH
SPRING, THE NEW SENATOR
HAS CALLED US RACKETEERS!
HMM, I THINK YOU'D BETTER
PAY HIM A VISIT, BOYS!



IF ANYONE DOES
ANY VISITING, I'LL
DO IT!

IT'S—IT'S
THE —
SANDMAN!

SMACK
HIM
DOWN!



TWO ORDERS OF "KNUCKLES"
COMING UP! IF YOU LIKE THIS,
I CAN GIVE YOU MORE!



REPEAT PERFORMANCE?
GLAD TO OBLIGE!

HEY! YOUSE DON'T HEAR
US APPLAUDIN' FOR AN
ENCORE, DO YOUSE?



WHAT A GUY! I'LL SNEAK
OUT THE BACK DOOR AND
TELL O'HOOLIHY ABOUT
THIS!

DARK
ROOM
KEEP OUT



THAT PHOTOGRAPHER CLEARED
OUT OF HERE MIGHTY FAST! OH,
WELL, HE'S ONLY A HIRELING.
THESE TOUGHS ARE THE
ONES I WANT TO QUESTION!



WITH THE THUGS BESIDE
HIM, HE DRIVES WITH
DIAN BACK TO THEIR
HOTEL...

WHEN WE GET TO THE HOTEL
WE'LL SEE IF THE COAST
IS CLEAR, THEN BRING
THESE BABIES UP TO THE
ROOM! I WANT TO KNOW
JUST WHAT'S GOING ON!
THEIR RACKET MUST BE
PRETTY WELL ESTABLISHED
IF THEY'D THREATEN A
SENATOR!



RIGHT!

O'HOOLIHY - THE
SANDMAN BUSTED
INTO THE STUDIO
AND WALKED OFF
WITH OUR
MUSCLE-MEN!

WHAAT!
THAT MEANS
- THEY'LL
TALK UNLESS
- LISTEN!



PROFESSOR ELBA FIXED ME
UP A LITTLE SOLUTION THAT
WILL KNOCK WHAT LITTLE
BRAINS THOSE DOPES HAVE
RIGHT OUT OF THEIR HEADS!
SLIP THIS TO THEM - BEFORE
THEY CAN SPILL WHAT THEY
KNOW!

I GET YOU!



LEAVING O'HOOLIHY, THE PHOTOGRAPHER CATCHES
UP WITH THE SANDMAN...

LUCKILY I CAUGHT THEM JUST AS
THEY WERE LEAVING! THEY'RE
TURNING INTO THE STANDARD ARMS
HOTEL!



WHAT A BREAK! THE SANDMAN AND THAT BELMONT DAME WENT INTO THE HOTEL! NOW I CAN GET AT THESE BABIES!



RACING BACK FOR HIS CAPTIVES, THE SANDMAN GETS A SHOCK!

OWW—THOSE LIGHTS! OUR EYES! TURN 'EM OFF! THEY'VE SUDDENLY GONE NUTS!

OH-HA-HA-HA! HA-HA! HA-HA!



A LITTLE GAS WILL QUIET THEM. WE'LL TAKE THEM OUT TO THE CABIN, THEN I MUST ATTEND A MEETING OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY. I'LL RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



AND THUS FORTIFIED WITH SOLUTION "K" GIVEN HIM BY DOCTOR MIDNIGHT, THE SANDMAN RESTORES THE THUGS TO SANITY....

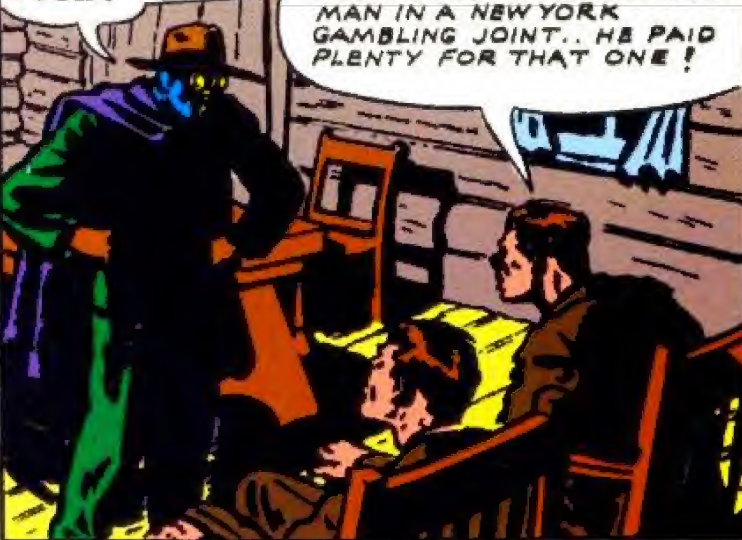
KEEP TALKING! WHAT ELSE DO YOU BOYS DO?

Y'SEE WE TAKE PICTURES OF PROMINENT PEOPLE, USUALLY IN UNDIGNIFIED POSES— IF THEY DON'T BUY THEM WE SEND 'EM TO THEIR WIVES OR TO THE NEWSPAPERS.



BUT SUPPOSE YOU AREN'T ABLE TO CATCH A MAN IN AN UNDIGNIFIED POSE?

WELL, THEN, WE RETOUCH TH' PITCHER— LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, ONE TIME WE FAKED A BACKGROUND TO SHOW A VISITING CONGRESSMAN IN A NEW YORK GAMBLING JOINT.. HE PAID PLENTY FOR THAT ONE!



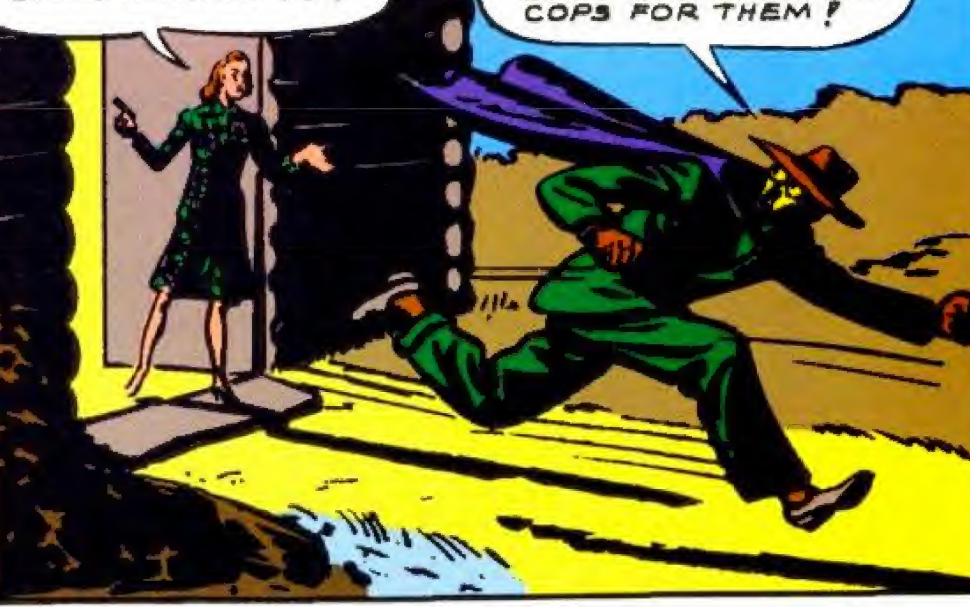
WHERE'S THIS O'WOOLINY HAVE HIS OFFICE? I'M PAYING HIM A LITTLE VISIT!

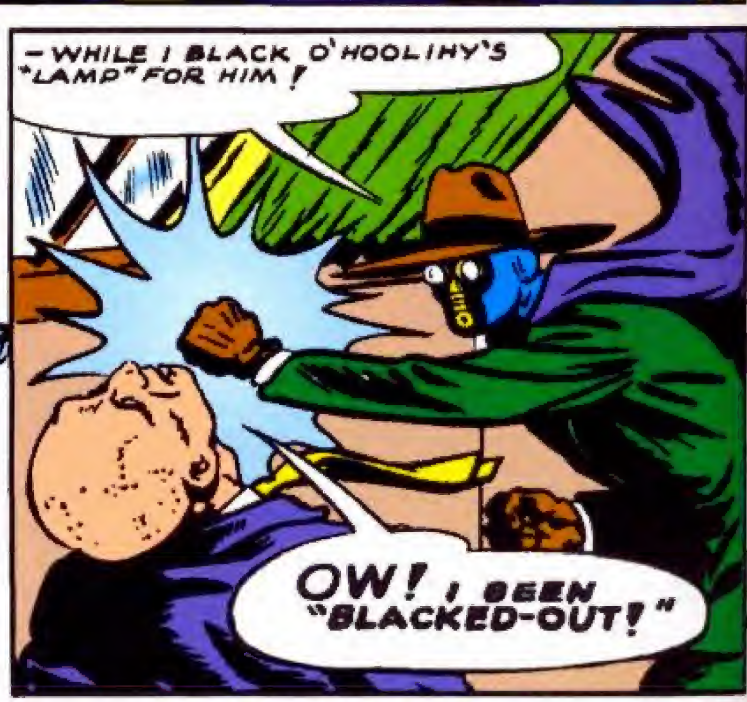
IN THE SAME BUILDING WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER! RIGHT IN BACK OF HIM — THROUGH THE BACK WAY!



BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHILE YOU'RE OFF GALLIVANTING ???

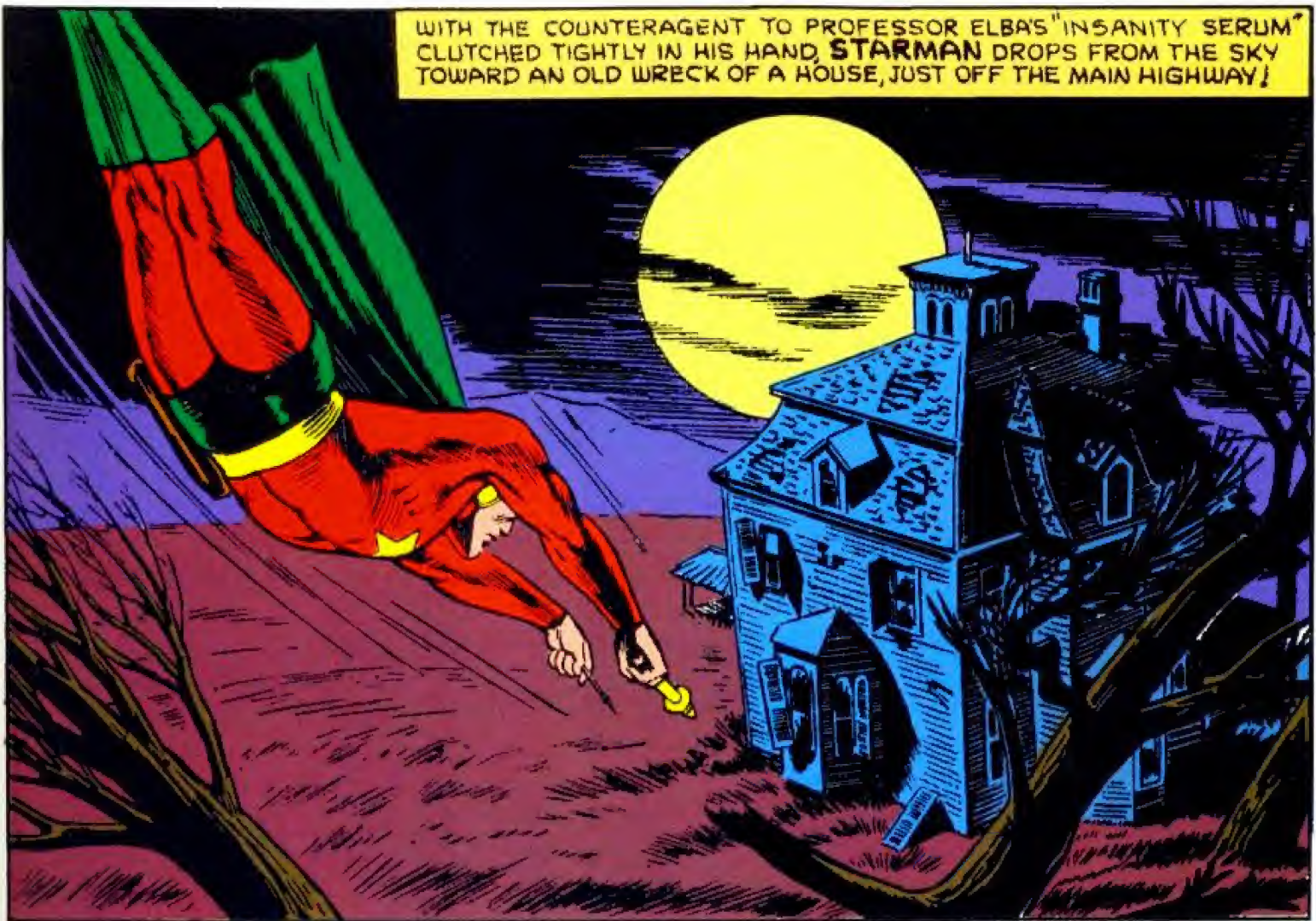
KEEP THOSE MEN UNDER THE MUZZLE OF THAT GUN! I'LL SEND THE COPS FOR THEM!





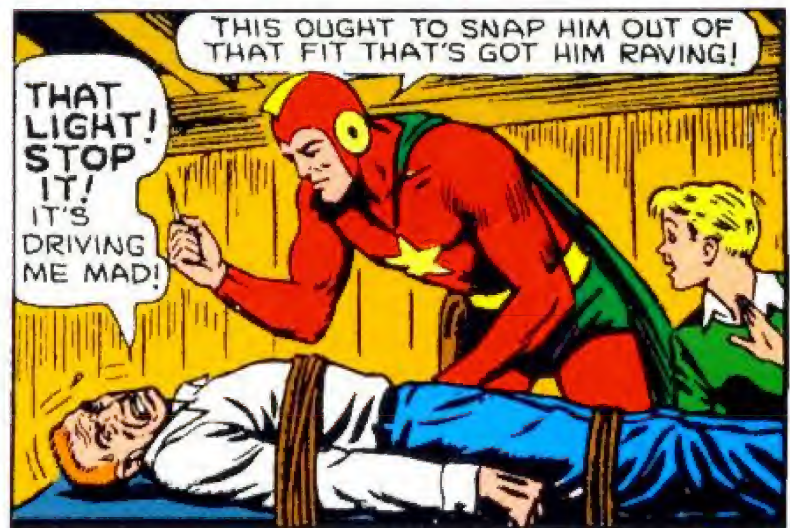
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WITH THE COUNTERAGENT TO PROFESSOR ELBA'S "INSANITY SERUM" CLUTCHED TIGHTLY IN HIS HAND, **STARMAN** DROPS FROM THE SKY TOWARD AN OLD WRECK OF A HOUSE, JUST OFF THE MAIN HIGHWAY!



IS HE STILL THERE, BILLY?

SURE, **STARMAN**! HE'S TIED SO TIGHT, IT'D TAKE A HURRICANE TO GET HIM LOOSE!



THIS OUGHT TO SNAP HIM OUT OF THAT FIT THAT'S GOT HIM RAVING!

THAT LIGHT! STOP IT! IT'S DRIVING ME MAD!



OH-H--THAT WAS HORRIBLE! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE! THOSE LIGHTS--ANY LIGHT--DRIVING ME WILD!

NOW--WE WANT YOU TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS!

MAYBE HE CAN TELL US WHAT ALL THAT MONEY WAS DOING IN THIS TRUNK!

THEN-- AFTER **STARMAN** INJECTS THE POWERFUL ANTIDOTE--

WHILE WHITEY WOLF IS RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE **INSANITY SERUM**, LET US HALT TIME IN ITS TRACKS. AND GO BACK A FEW HOURS TO THAT SAME HAUNTED HOUSE--



THE OTHER KIDS DARED ME TO GO IN THAT OLD HAUNTED HOUSE! I'LL SHOW 'EM I'M NOT AFRAID!

GOSH! IT'S ALL DARK AND CREEPY INSIDE!



--B-BUT I'M NOT SCA-SCARED--

OOOOH! WHAT'S THAT? SOMETHING BIG-- AND DARK!



WHY, IT'S A TRUNK--AND SAY! IT'S CHOCK-FULL OF **MONEY!**



WHEEE! I'M RICH! CANDY, ICE CREAM, FOOTBALL GAMES-- BUT IT ISN'T MINE--

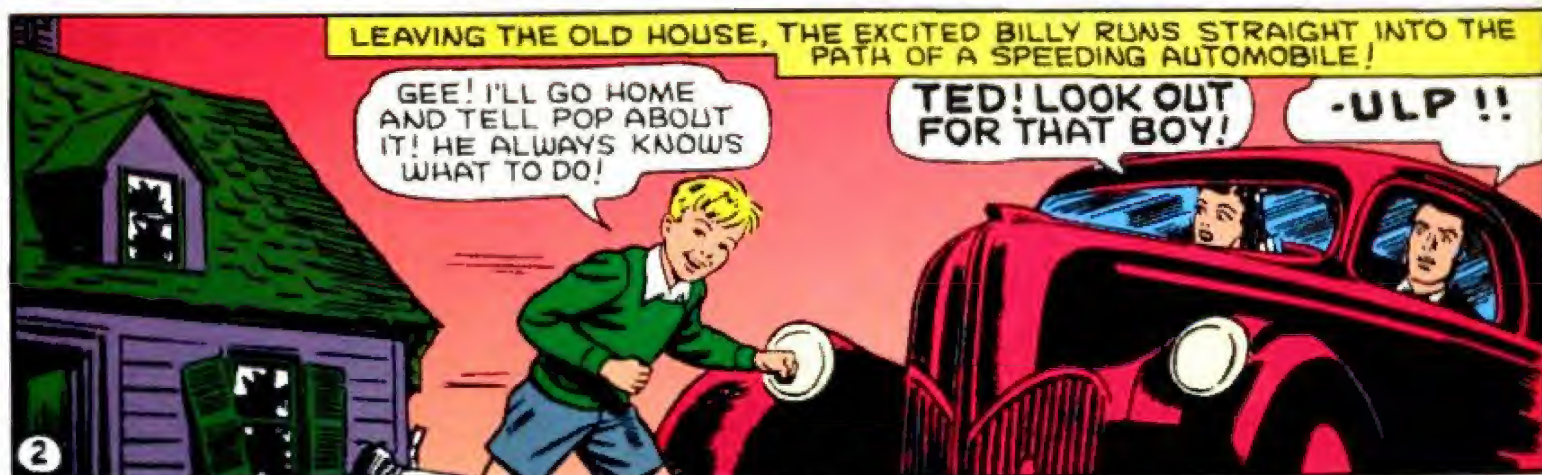


LEAVING THE OLD HOUSE, THE EXCITED BILLY RUNS STRAIGHT INTO THE PATH OF A SPEEDING AUTOMOBILE!

GEE! I'LL GO HOME AND TELL POP ABOUT IT! HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO!

TED! LOOK OUT FOR THAT BOY!

-ULP !!



BILLY TRIPS AND FALLS, AS THE SWIFTLY MOVING CAR BEARS DOWN ON HIM--

OOOH!

BUT--TED KNIGHT (STARMAN) IS USED TO ACTING SWIFTLY IN AN EMERGENCY-- HE SWINGS HARD ON THE WHEEL AND JAMS HIS BRAKE!

OH TED!

AS THE CAR SKIDS SIDEWAYS, TED PULLS THE FRIGHTENED YOUNGSTER TO SAFETY!

IT'LL BE SAFER INSIDE THE CAR, YOUNG FELLOW! COME ON!

WOW! YOU SURE ARE STRONG!

AS TED AND DORIS CONTINUE ON THEIR WAY, BILLY TELLS ABOUT THE HIDDEN TREASURE!

--AND THE TRUNK WAS ALL FULL OF MONEY! I WONDER WHAT IT WAS DOING IN THAT OLD HOUSE?

IT IS ODD! I'D LOOK INTO THE MATTER BUT ALL THIS EXCITEMENT HAS GIVEN ME A HEAD-ACHE!

AT THE MANSION OF B. JAMIESON BAKER, SOCIALITE AND PUBLISHER--

SORRY TO BRING AN EXTRA GUEST, MR. BAKER, BUT WE ALMOST RAN OVER HIM! HE SAID HE FOUND A TRUNK FULL OF MONEY!

A TRUNK FULL OF MONEY! HE COULDN'T--I MEAN--HA-HA--JUST A JOKE--HE'S KIDDING!

I DID, TOO!

HONEST, MR. KNIGHT, I DID FIND A TRUNK FILLED WITH MONEY!

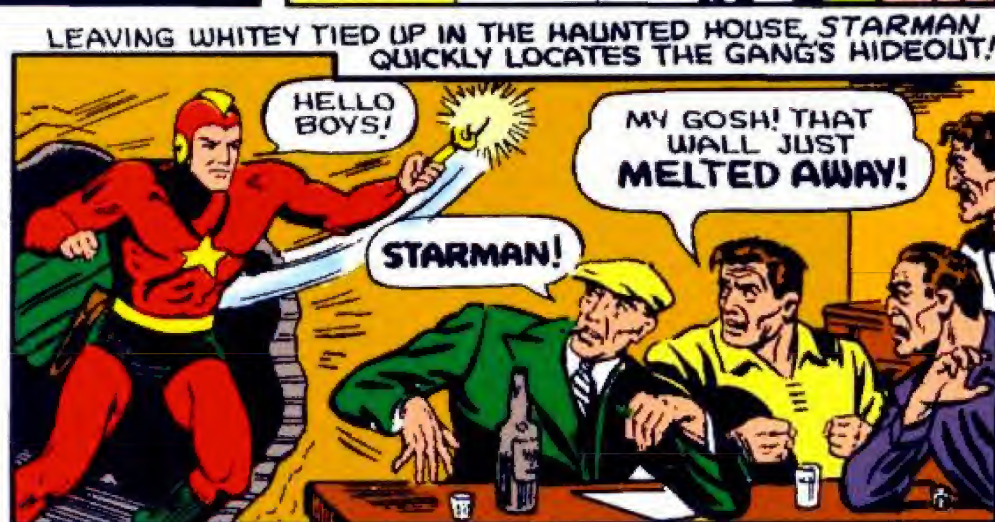
SAH! I KNOW YOU DID! YOU WAIT IN A ROOM UPSTAIRS! I'VE A FRIEND WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU!

TED KNIGHT RACES SWIFTLY TO HIS CAR, DONS THE COSTUME OF THE FAMOUS STARMAN AND RETURNS TO BILLY--

YEEEOW! IT'S STARMAN! I BET THERE'S CROOKED WORK GOIN' ON, ISN'T THERE!

YOU BET THERE IS! AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME SMASH IT!







ONE AFTER THE OTHER, **STARMAN** CARRIES THE CROOKS TO JAIL!



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FROM THE MEETING OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY, THE HAWKMAN WINGS HIS SWIFT AND SILENT WAY THROUGH THE STILL REACHES OF THE NIGHT TO A LIGHTED CAMPFIRE IN HIS HIDDEN VALLEY OF THE HAWK !!



YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A WHILE, WATKINS. THEN YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE SHIERA IS, AND WHAT YOUR PARTNER HUNT IS DOING..



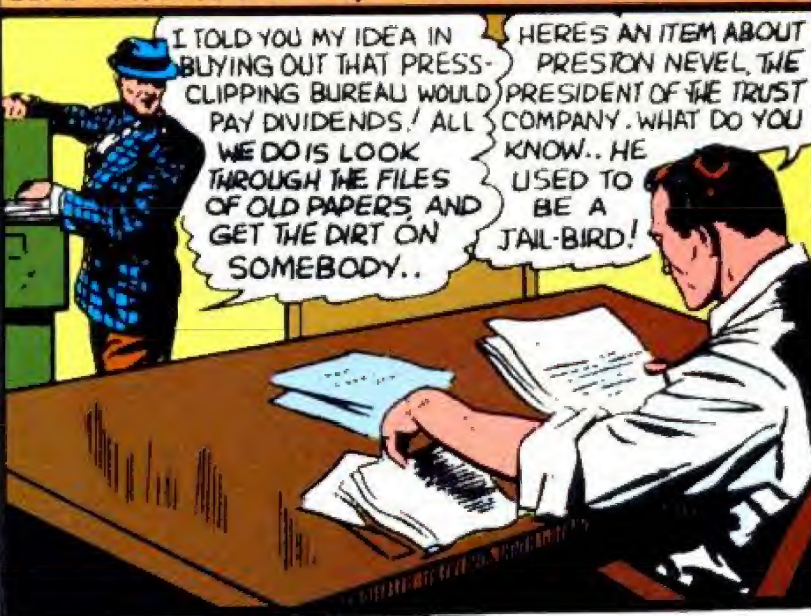
OH.. OH! YOU STILL HERE! I.. I.. WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR PAL HUNT JABBED YOU WITH A NEEDLE. NOW TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF, AND MORE IMPORTANT, WHERE IS SHIERA?



..THAT DOUBLE-CROSSER HUNT! SURE I'LL TELL YOU! HUH.. HE JABBED ME WITH THAT STUFF PROFESSOR ELBA SENT HIM! I'LL FIX HIM...



SOME FEW DAYS BEFORE, IN A CABIN NEAR HAWK VALLEY!



I TOLD YOU MY IDEA IN BUYING OUT THAT PRESS-CLIPPING BUREAU WOULD PAY DIVIDENDS! ALL WE DO IS LOOK THROUGH THE FILES OF OLD PAPERS, AND GET THE DIRT ON SOMEBODY..

HERES AN ITEM ABOUT PRESTON NEVEL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUST COMPANY. WHAT DO YOU KNOW.. HE USED TO BE A JAIL-BIRD!

AND THEN WE COLLECT. IT'S MARVELOUS HOW SOME PEOPLE WILL PAY JUST TO HIDE A MISTAKE MADE YEARS AGO.

WELL, THOSE MISTAKES PAY US DIVIDENDS!



THERE. IT'S DONE...

.. AND IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE FIFTY THOUSAND BY MIDNIGHT AT MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE, WE SEND OUR INFORMATION TO THE PAPERS.. COME ALONE!



AT THE LAVISH HOME OF BANKER PRESTON NEVEL..

.. THAT SENTENCE I SERVED IN UTAH! SO FAR AWAY! SO LONG AGO! SOMEONE HAS FOUND OUT. BUT IT'S GOT TO BE KEPT QUIET! MY POSITION- MY WIFE- MY CHILDREN.. IT WOULD RUIN EVERYTHING.



FOR TWO DAYS HE BROODS AND ON THE EVENING OF THE THIRD DAY, AT DUSK, HE TRAVELS UP TO HAWK PEAK..

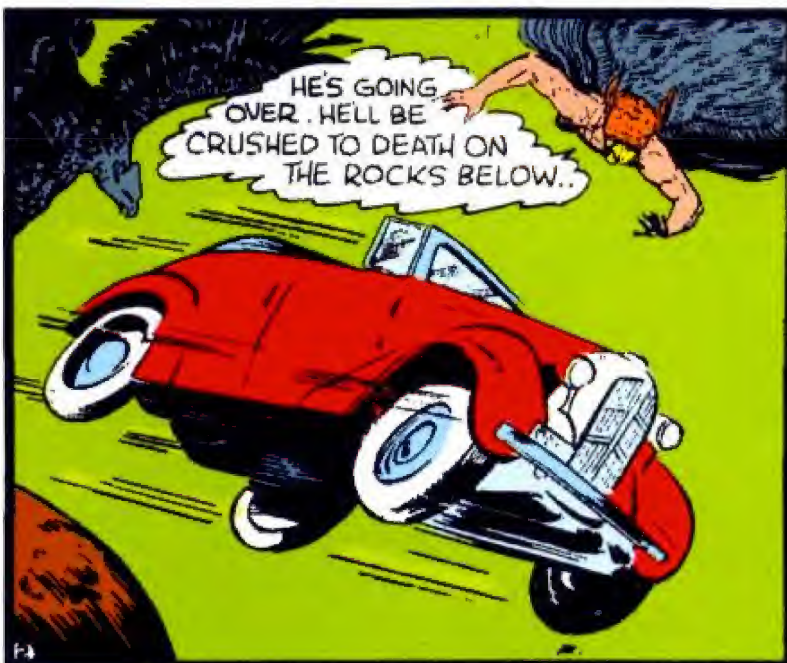
I CAN'T PAY, AND I CAN'T FACE THE DISGRACE! I-I'LL END IT ALL.. OVER HAWK'S PEAK..



SOMEONE'S USING THE OLD DESERTED ROAD UP THE PEAK. I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHY..



HE'S GOING OVER. HE'LL BE CRUSHED TO DEATH ON THE ROCKS BELOW..



MAN AND CAR BEGIN THE LONG, TWO-THOUSAND-FOOT DROP...



DROPPING LIKE A PLUMMET, THE HAWKMAN DIVES SWIFTLY...



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO KILL YOURSELF.. IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, TELL ME ABOUT IT. I'M THE HAWKMAN.. MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU.



WELL, IT'S BLACKMAIL! I'M A BANK PRESIDENT NOW. BUT I SPENT TIME IN JAIL.. YEARS AGO.

WHO'S THIS, HAWK..



THIS CHAP TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF. I THINK WE CAN TALK HIM OUT OF IT! TELL ME THE NAMES OF THESE BLACKMAILERS. I'LL.. ER.. MAKE THEM SEE THEIR MISTAKE.

WELL, THERE ARE TWO OF THEM. HUNT AND WATKINS. AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THEY HAVE A CABIN NOT FAR FROM HERE ON MOUNTAIN LAKE..

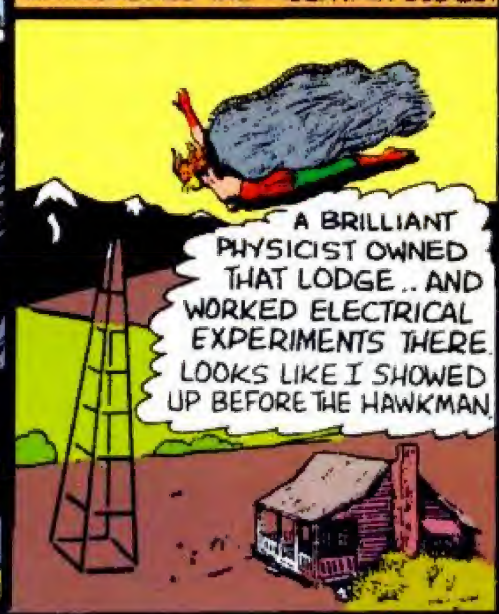


A GREAT MAN. DO YOU THINK HE WILL HELP ME?



HE WILL.. AND SO WILL I. I'M GOING TO FOLLOW HIM. CHIN UP AND KEEP 'EM FLYING!

IN HER FLIGHT, SHIERA APPROACHES THE MOUNTAIN LODGE!



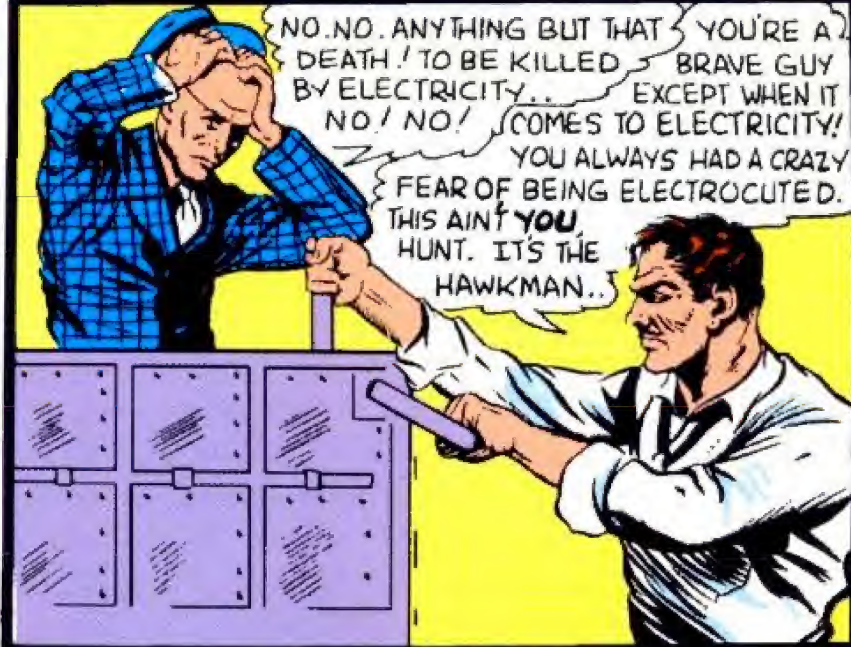
A BRILLIANT PHYSICIST OWNED THAT LODGE.. AND WORKED ELECTRICAL EXPERIMENTS THERE. LOOKS LIKE I SHOWED UP BEFORE THE HAWKMAN.

IN THE LODGE AHEAD OF HER, ARE WATKINS AND HUNT...

LOOK! THAT BIRD! NO! IT ISN'T A BIRD. IT'S A HUMAN BEING FLYING.. MAYBE ITS THE HAWKMAN!



IF IT IS I'LL GET RID OF HIM WITH THAT LIGHTNING THROWER THE OLD GUY WHO LIVED HERE BEFORE US, DISCOVERED!



NO. NO. ANYTHING BUT THAT YOU'RE A DEATH! TO BE KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.. NO! NO! COMES TO ELECTRICITY! YOU ALWAYS HAD A CRAZY FEAR OF BEING ELECTROCUTED. THIS AIN'T YOU HUNT. IT'S THE HAWKMAN..

WATKINS THROWS THE SWITCH..

THERE! THIS ENDS THE HAWKMAN! HUH. AFRAID OF ELECTRICITY. THAT'S RIDICULOUS.. BUT BEING CRUSHED TO DEATH. UGH! THAT'S WHAT HORRIFIES ME..

THE POOR HAWKMAN, WHAT A DEATH. WHAT A DEATH!

THE RADIO-CONTROLLED LIGHTNING STRIKES SHERA WHO HAS BEEN MISTAKEN FOR THE HAWKMAN..

OH HH..

REELING UNDER THE TERRIFIC BLOW, SHERA FALLS APPARENTLY LIFELESS..

MEANWHILE THE HAWKMAN APPROACHES WITH HIS TRAINED FIGHTING HAWKS..

WH.. ANOTHER HAWKMAN. WITH THOUSANDS OF BIRDS.. I'LL TURN THEM INTO BITS WITH LIGHTNING

NO.. NO.. I COULDN'T STAND THAT

HUNT RUSHES INTO THE CABIN AND LOCKS HIS PARTNER OUT!

NO.. NO.. I CAN'T STAND THINKING OF ANYONE ELSE BEING KILLED THAT WAY..

LET ME IN, YOU IDIOT!

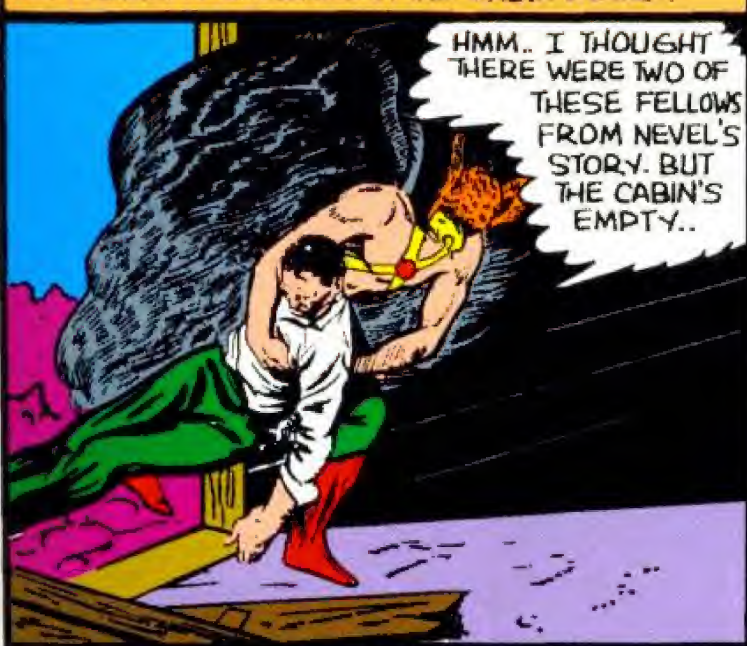
PUT THAT GUN AWAY.. IT MIGHT GO OFF..!

YOU WON'T GET ME.. I'LL KILL YOU!

THE HAWKMAN MOVES SWIFTLY, KNOCKS THE GUN ASIDE AND SWINGS WITH TERRIFIC STRENGTH

SAYS WHO!

THE HAWKMAN SMASHES IN THE CABIN DOOR...



CROUCHED UNDER A SLIGHTLY LIFTED TRAP DOOR, HUNT WATCHES WHAT GOES ON...



REACHING HIS ARM THRU THE TRAP DOOR, HUNT DRIVES THE NEEDLE INTO WATKINS'S LEG!



WHERE AM I. LET ME GO. I'LL KILL YOU.. I'LL KILL YOU!!



THE HAWKMAN BINDS WATKINS SECURELY, AND LIGHTS A FIRE TO KEEP HIM FROM FREEZING!



AND SO, WHEN THE HAWKMAN RETURNED FROM THE MEETING, HE HAD DISCOVERED SHIERA'S DISAPPEARANCE!

SO YOU SHOT DOWN SHIERA WITH A LIGHTNING BOLT.. I'VE GOT TO FIND HER. I'VE UNTIED YOU, BUT DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE MY BIRDS, ARE WATCHING YOU, WATKINS.



HE LEAPS DOWN THE FACE OF THE CLIFF, DISLODGING STONES AS HE RUNS.

I CAN MAKE IT DOWN TO THE OLD ROAD THAT CIRCLES THIS PLACE..



THE ACTION OF THE FALLING STONES CAUSE A VIBRATION THAT LOOSENS A HUGE ROCK..



THE ROCKS ROLL DOWN THE GRADE TOWARD THE FLEEING MAN..

THAT ROCK! IT'S COMING FASTER. FASTER.. IT.. IT WILL CRUSH ME TO DEATH.. YAAAGH!



.. THE DEATH HE FEARED, OVERTAKES THE RUTHLESS WATKINS!!



MEANWHILE ..



I THINK SHE'S BREATHING... SHE MAY STILL LIVE!

HE HOLDS THE SHINING SURFACE OF HIS BELT OF NINTH METAL TO HER LIPS... A SOFT FILM OF BREATH FORMS... SHIERA IS ALIVE...

WHEN I FIND HUNT, I'LL GET HIM AND WATKINS AND TEACH THEM A FEW THINGS. THEY MIGHT HAVE KILLED HER. IT WAS THE NINTH METAL IN HER BELT THAT FORMED A PROTECTIVE AURA AROUND HER, THAT KEPT HER ALIVE! THE FORCE OF SHOCK MUST HAVE KNOCKED HER OUT!

GLAD TO SEE YOU AWAKE AND ALIVE AGAIN. NOW YOU STAY HERE... YOU'RE GROUNDED!

I'LL WAIT! AND I'LL BE GLAD TO. WHEW... WHAT AN EXPERIENCE.

THIS GROUND FEELS MIGHTY GOOD, AND THIS AIR SMELLS MIGHTY SWEET TO SOMEONE WHO ALMOST DIED..

FAR AHEAD OF THE HAWKMAN, IS HUNT. WAITING FOR HIM WITH A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE!

WITH MY TELESCOPIC RIFLE I'LL SEE HIM BEFORE HE SEES ME. THEN I PRESS THE TRIGGER AND POUF.. THE HAWKMAN WILL NEVER ANNOY ME AGAIN!

BUT THE HAWK SENTINELS ARE NOT SLEEPING! A 'BOMBING DIVISION' OF THE AERONAUTICALLY TRAINED BIRDS GOES INTO ACTION..

HE AIMS A RIFLE. WHEET. TAKE AIM... DROP LOGS!!

A BULLS-EYE!

WHAT TH...
OW!!



THOSE BIRDS.
I'LL GET THAT
RIFLE AND PICK
THEM OFF..



SUCH IS FATE! AS HIS FINGERS
TOUCH THE METAL BARREL OF THE GUN
(A PERFECT ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR)
HIS FOOT TOUCHES A 'LIVE' WIRE
OF THE LIGHTNING SET. A TERRIFIC
BLAST OF ELECTRICITY RIPS
THROUGH THE CABIN! THE MAN
WHO FEARED ELECTROCUTION
ELECTROCUTES HIMSELF!



THE FIRE THAT ELECTRICAL BLAST
CAUSED WILL BURN ALL THE
RECORDS ABOUT NEVEL..



WATKINS TOO!
SO BE IT! FATE
HAS ORDAINED
THAT THEY BE
PUNISHED BY
THEIR OWN
DEEDS..



HAWKMAN RETURNS TO NEVEL!

IF I SAY 'THANKS' IT WILL
SOUND SILLY. YOU KNOW
HOW I FEEL..NOW I
CAN SLEEP NIGHTS..



DOUGHTN'T WE GO BACK TO
TOWN AS CARTER HALL
AND SHERA SANDERS, AND
RESUME OUR REAL
IDENTITIES.?

NOT YET. I HAVE A LITTLE
MATTER TO DISCUSS WITH PROF.
ELBA. IF
I EVER
FIND HIM.



PROFESSOR ELBA?
WHO'S HE?

I DON'T KNOW,
EXCEPT THAT HE'S THE
MAN WHO CREATED
THAT DEADLY SERUM THAT
DRIVES MEN MAD! HE'S
GOT TO BE STOPPED.. BUT
WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE?

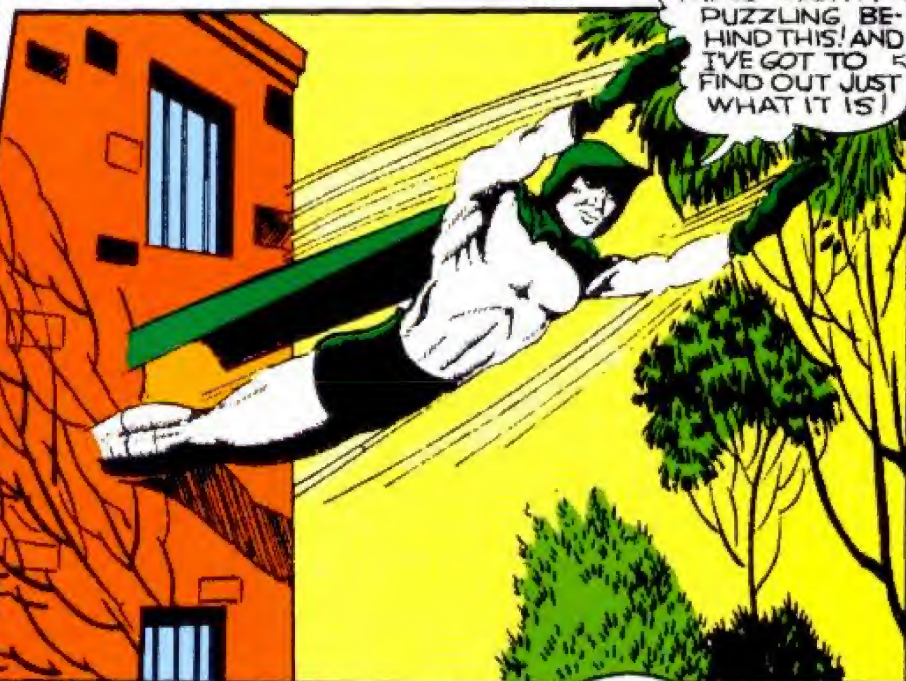


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THE **SPECTRE'S** SUPERNATURAL POWERS PROVED OF NO AVAIL WHEN THE STAR WITNESS IN THE LOTTERY RACKET WENT RAVING MAD... NOW, WITH DR. MIDNITE'S SOLUTION 'K' IN HIS POSSESSION, THE GRIM GHOST PLUMMETS DOWN TOWARD THE CITY JAIL....



THE INVISIBLE **SPECTRE** MOVES SILENTLY FROM ROOM TO ROOM....



WITHIN A DESERTED ALLEY, THE **SPECTRE** MATERIALIZES INTO HIS IDENTITY AS JIM CORRIGAN IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE....



MOMENTS LATER.... HE RE-ENTERS THE JAIL~ BUT THIS TIME AS THE HARD-FISTED DETECTIVE....

WARDEN, I'VE A TIP SCALONI IS NO LONGER HERE! WHAT'S HAPPENED?



BIT IRREGULAR, ISN'T IT, RELEASING MY WITNESS?





JIM'S SUPERNATURAL INTUITION HAD INFORMED HIM THE BUTLER LIED! NOW, HE BREAKS IN ON A FRIENDLY GATHERING...



LATER... AS JIM APPARENTLY RE-
VIVES TO FIND HIMSELF IN THE GRIP
OF "BOSS" WILLIAMS' THUGS...



WELL, MR. BUTTINSKY, SINCE YOU'RE ANXIOUS TO KNOW MORE THAN IS GOOD FOR YOU I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND THE PLACE...

ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SHOWING YOU TO A CELL!

THIS GAVEL BELONGED TO A JUDGE WHO SENT ONE OF MY BOYS TO JAIL! HE WON'T NEED IT ANYMORE!



THIS IS MY PRIVATE MUSEUM! SEE THESE?

POLICE SHIELDS!



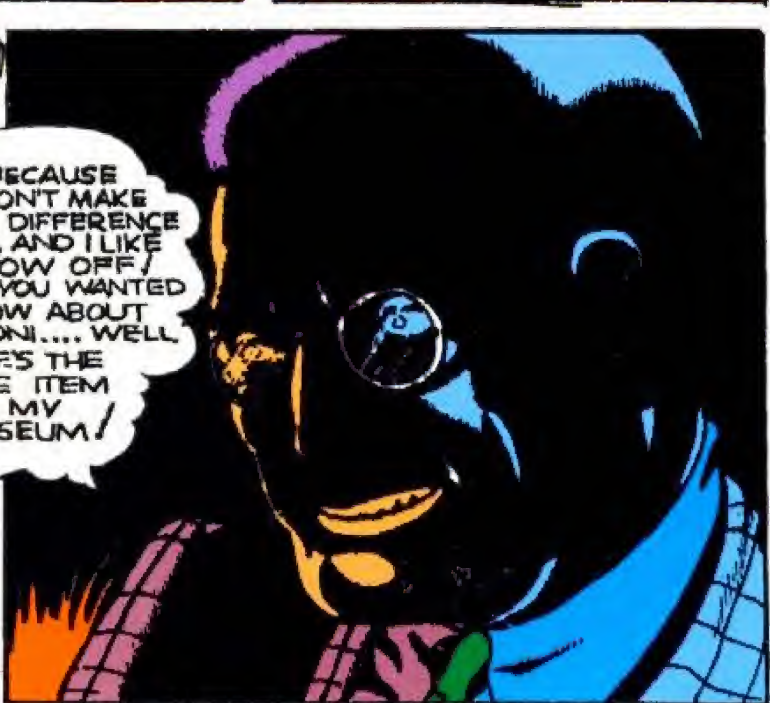
SOME OF MY TROPHIES! EACH BELONGED TO SOME COPPER WHO HAD AN ACCIDENT-- RIGHT AFTER CROSSING MY PATH!

WHY-- YOU...



WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME ALL THIS?

BECAUSE IT WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE TO YOU, AND I LIKE TO SHOW OFF! BUT-- YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SCALONI.... WELL, HERE'S THE PRIZE ITEM IN MY MUSEUM!



EEE-YAH!

HERE'S A CHOICE SPECIMEN OF A STOOLPIGEON! NOTICE HOW THE LIGHT SCARES HIM...



SCALONI WAS BROUGHT HERE FOR TWO REASONS! I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE OF HIS RECOVERING HIS SANITY AND TALKING! AND THEN HE LENDS SUCH A NICE TOUCH TO THE PLACE!

OF ALL THE MONSTERS!



WHIPPING OUT THE HYPODERMIC, "BOSS" WILLIAMS INJECTS IT INTO JIM--

DON'T LET THE THINGS I'VE SHOWN YOU DISTURB YOU! THIS MEDICINE, PREPARED BY DR. ELBA, WILL MAKE YOU FORGET THEM!

ALL RIGHT, "BOSS" WILLIAMS-- HAVE YOUR FUN-- BUT MY TURN WILL COME SOON!

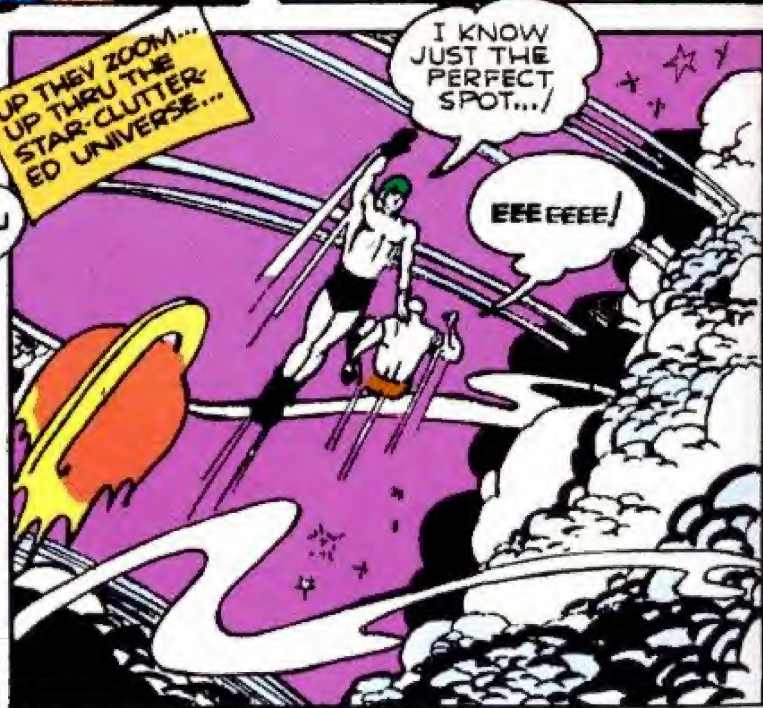
AS THE NEEDLE IS APPLIED THE IN-VISIBLE SPECTRE ESCAPES FROM JIM'S MATERIAL BODY...



THE IN VISIBLE SPECTRE PLUNGES HIS NEEDLE INTO SCALONI'S ARM...



THE GRIM GHOST MATERIALIZES AS SCALONI'S SENSES RETURN...



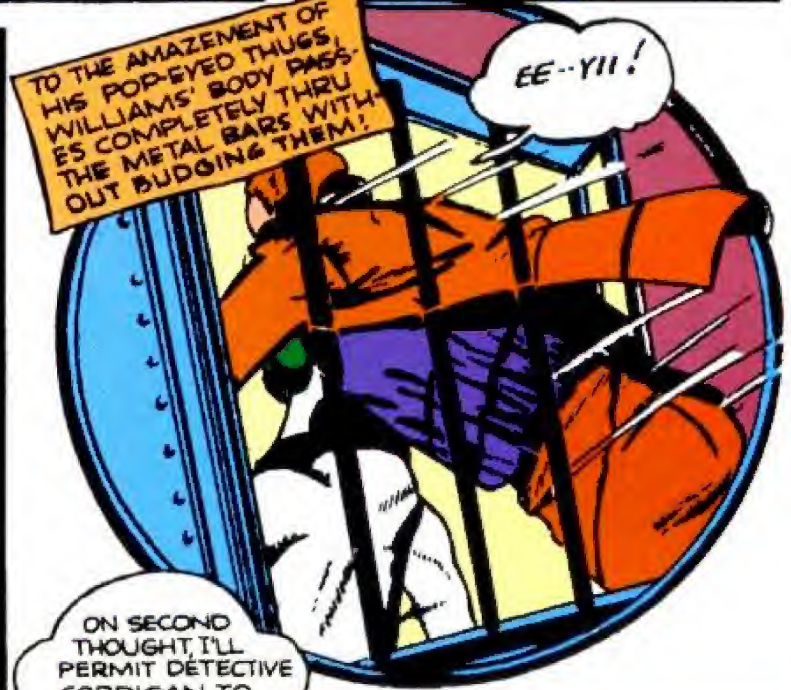
THEY ALIGHT ON A DISTANT ASTEROID....



AS THE SPECTRE RETURNS IN TO SCALONI'S DESERTED CELL...



IN RESPONSE TO THE MAN OF DARKNESS' MENTAL COMMAND, THE DIM LIGHT WAXES TO BLINDING BRILLIANCE!



LATER... CORRIGAN DEPOSITS THE THUGS AT THE POLICE STATION....



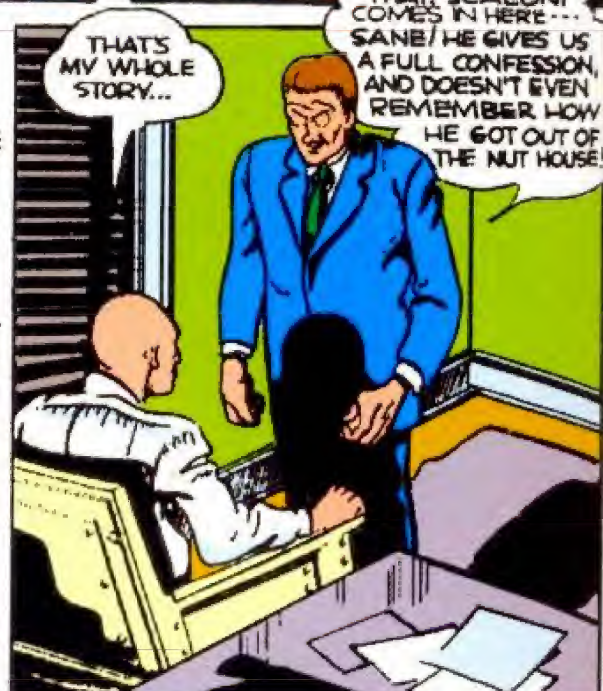
I'M GOING AFTER WILLIAMS RIGHT NOW... BEFORE I'M FINISHED I'LL PROVE HE'S THE REAL HEAD OF THE LOTTERY RACKET...



MOMENTS LATER... AS THE SPECTRE REACHES THE DISTANT ASTEROID...



UNDER THE GRIM GHOST'S MYSTIC SPELL, SCALONI CONFESSES EVERYTHING...



BUT AS THE SPECTRE ENTERS THE CELL HE SEES...



Follow The SPECTRE'S exploits each month in MORE FUN COMICS!



SKY CUTUPS

(A Hop Harrigan Story)

TANK scowled slightly as Hop read aloud, then busied himself with a last-minute checkup of his Ryan sports plane, "The Sprite."

"Can you beat this fellow!" Hop cried, between roars of laughter. "Calls himself the Super Duper Man and claims to outdo Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, Flash and Dr. Mid-Nite!"

"Zatso?" growled Tank, testing the ignition.

"He's doing his stuff this afternoon. If you've nothing better to do, like to go?"

Tank shook his head. "Got an engagement."

"Paper says he gets \$50,000 for one afternoon's exhibit," Hop went on. "If he really does all these things—" Hop glanced further down the newspaper column, and scratched his head. "Well, maybe his widow will collect!"

Tank ran a practiced eye over the fuselage, landing gear and tail assembly. He glanced at his watch nervously, shaded his eyes as he peered across the field and waved to someone. A minute later, a thin, wiry young man named Tanner came running up. Tank introduced Tanner to Hop hastily, then climbed into the rear cockpit while Tanner took the controls.

"Wonder what's up?" Hop murmured, as he watched them take off. "Never saw Tank act like that—so secretive!"

Hop reached the Cranville landing field about 2:00. The Stunt Exhibit was to start at 2:30. Already a mob had gathered. Hop set down his trim Ryan sportster, similar to Tank's, and waited curiously for the much billed Super Duper Man.

At 2:25, frenzied cheers rent the air, and Hop glanced up in surprise to see—SUPERMAN, BATMAN, GREEN LANTERN, FLASH, DR. MID-NITE and all the other Justice Society settling themselves on a platform to the right of the landing field. Hop couldn't believe his eyes! Soon the rumor was spread that the members of the Justice Society had come to see if Super Duper Man was all he was cracked up to be! If he were really superior, as he claimed to be, they meant to ask him to be President of the Justice Society of America!

Hop stood breathless as the plane carrying the Super Duper Man came into view. Then his eyes popped, and his heart pounded like a triphammer—for a plane coming into view was none other than "The Sprite!" The Super Duper Man was—TANK!

"Well, of all the zany . . ." Hop gasped, speechless "That fool will break his neck!"

The first stunt on the program was a power dive. Tank was to go it alone. He

carried the Sprite up . . . up . . . to thirty thousand feet, then nosed the plane toward earth and went into his dive! The stick shoved forward, the ship plunged down . . . down . . . the ground rushing up to meet it! The crowd watched, agape, Tank felt his blood run hot and cold but he loved it! The whistle of the wings . . . the drone of the motor . . . music in his veins!

Instead of concentrating on altitude, he thought of Superman, Flash and the others watching him! He would be famous . . . he might even be asked to join the Justice Society! He let out a yell of joy! Then . . . too late . . . he pulled on the stick! It did not budge! The ground kept coming closer! The plane was crashing toward certain destruction . . .

"Come on, Tank!" Hop yelled, digging his nails into his palm, sure all was lost.

At that moment a figure sped across the field to where the plane was falling . . . the fleet, powerful form of SUPERMAN! He pushed his arms straight above his head like steel cables . . . and stopped the fall of the hurtling plane! Laughing, SUPERMAN reached into the cockpit and plucked out the dazed Tank as though he were a mosquito!

"G-gee, th-thanks, Superman!" blinked Tank, clutching the fuselage for support.

"That's okay, Super Duper," winked Superman. "Maybe you can do the same for me someday!"

Tank staggered toward the field amid the acclaim of the crowd. Most of them had not seen Superman's daring rescue—it had happened so fast! The few that did were laughing too hard to tell the others what they had seen!

Hop had seen, but he was not laughing. He couldn't see anything funny about Tank doing suicidal stunts, and he lost no time telling him so.

"It's no use, Hop. I'm going through with it," Tank said doggedly.

"Well, then I'm your pilot," Hop announced. "Not Tanner nor anyone else!"

The second stunt was to be a parachute jump, in which Tank was not to open his chute until he was 200 feet from the ground! Hop took the plane up to 5000 feet and cruised while Tank bailed out! He spiralled down, watching earthward until it was 1000 feet from the earth!

Tank gulped. The groundswell made him nervous. His fingers itched to pull the rip cord. But he waited! 200 feet from the ground, he tugged at the cord . . . the parachute unfolded into a huge, white umbrella, and Tank sailed gently earthward. A smile of relief spread across his face . . . only to freeze as he glanced below him! He

was headed right for a lake! He kicked wildly, bending his body this way and that, trying to avoid the water . . . but it was no use! As from a great distance, the yells of the mob at the airport came to him. He felt dizzy, sick—as though he'd eaten too much lemon pie.

Splash! The water slapped him hard! Then it drew him down, and threw him up again gasping for breath! Then the huge white parachute settled gently—a silken death noose—over his head, smothering him . . . carrying him down! His arms flailed out wildly, but he felt himself going under . . . the water seeping into his nose, eyes and mouth . . .

Then miraculously, a hand was lifting him . . . hoisting him onto strong shoulders and a second later he was stretched out on the grass, sucking in the precious air. His eyes opened slowly and he recognized . . . THE FLASH!

"Come on, Super Duper—snap out of it!" the Flash was grinning. "What's a little water to a man like you?"

"G-gee, F-Flash, you saved my l-life—" Tank stammered. "I'm beginning to feel like a Soaper Doper—"

The Flash chuckled, threw Tank over his shoulder and raced toward the airport. Moving so rapidly he was invisible, Flash set Tank down and resumed his place on the platform with the other Justice Society members. Tank, staggering into the midst of the crowd, was greeted with wild acclaim. He raised his hands feebly, and stumbled over to Hop.

"I thought sure you were a goner that time!" Hop commented. "Are you still going through with that flying act?"

For answer, Tank climbed into the plane and started fastening his "wings." Hop, shaking his head, took the controls. 2000 feet in the air, Tank bailed out. While the crowd below watched in suspense and Hop hovered about in his plane, Tank flapped about gently for five minutes. Abruptly, one of his wings loosened. He felt himself falling. Hop swooped after him, letting drop a little swinging ladder . . . but whenever he got close to Tank he had to swing away for fear of hitting him!

Tank was three hundred feet from the ground when a bird-like figure swooped up and caught him, carrying him toward Hop's plane and depositing him on the wing! Then HAWKMAN—for it was he—waited while Tank adjusted his loose wing, then together, Tank and Hawkman sailed leisurely toward the earth!

"Pshaw! Dunno if I deserve it," Tank said later, when presented with the \$50,000.

"It's all right, Tank! Take it!" yelled Flash, as the Justice Society members left the grandstand. "Anyone with your nerve, Tank—deserves it! Good luck!"

"Pshaw! Guess I will," muttered Tank, grinning, as he stuffed the prize money into his pocket. "Super Duper Man! Phooey!"

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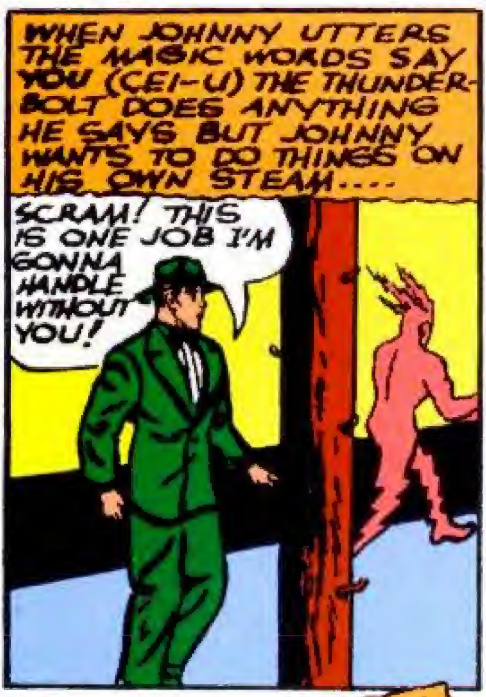
A SHOT OF THIS
STUFF WILL BRING
OSCAR K. DOODLE, THE
FAKE CONTRACTOR, BACK
TO HIS SENSES---HE'LL
CONFESS, AND--



JOHNNY'S PET THUNDERBOLT
WANTS TO HELP HIM--

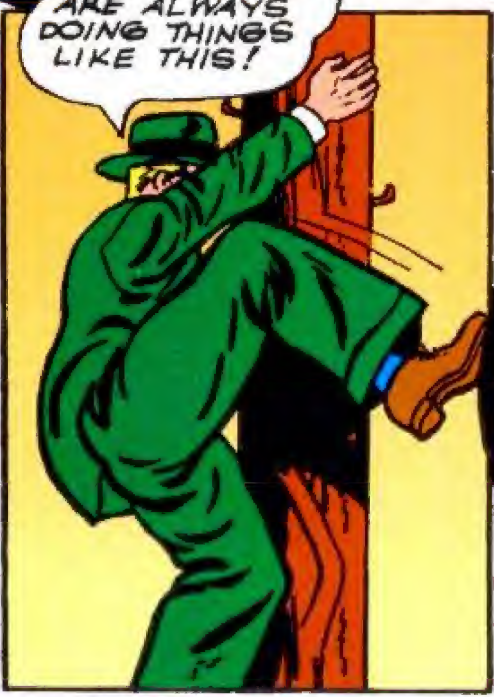
THIS IS THE HOUSE,
BUT, GOSH, HOW DO
YOU GET IN TO SEE
A GUY WHO THINKS
HE'S AN APE?

PSST!
I COULD
HELP,
JOHNNY--



WHEN JOHNNY UTTERS
THE MAGIC WORDS SAY
YOU (CEI-U) THE THUNDER-
BOLT DOES ANYTHING
HE SAYS BUT JOHNNY
WANTS TO DO THINGS ON
HIS OWN STEAM....

SCRAM! THIS
IS ONE JOB I'M
GONNA
HANDLE
WITHOUT
YOU!



MYSTERY MEN
ARE ALWAYS
DOING THINGS
LIKE THIS!



THAT OPEN WINDOW
IS A BREAK!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE
THE HOUSE....

TO THINK THAT
I USED TO BE
ONLY THE
BUTLER HERE!

-WE TOLD
YOU YOU'D
BE SITTING
PRETTY IF
YOU SLIPPED
OLD DOODLE
THE NEEDLE!



JOHNNY TAKES A
FLYING LEAP...!

WELL,
HERE
GOES!



MADE IT- BUT
SAY! HOW
D'YA STOP?



HOW'YA, MR. DOODLE! --BE SEEING YOU!

EEE-YAH!



WHO'S THIS?!

SAY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?



TOUGH GUYS!-- THAT'S MEAT FOR US MYSTERY MEN! I CAME HERE TO RESCUE, DOODLE-- BUT FIRST--



THIS IS FOR YOU!



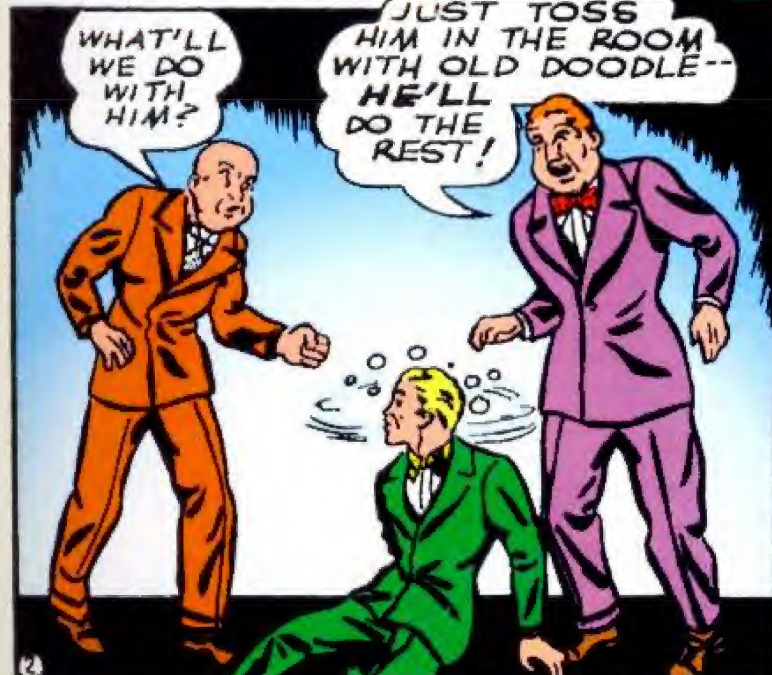
POOR JOHNNY HASN'T GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MYSTERY MAN.....

OW! THAT HURT!

WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY?



I DON'T LIKE FRESH KIDS!



WHAT'LL WE DO WITH HIM?

JUST TOSS HIM IN THE ROOM WITH OLD DOODLE-- HE'LL DO THE REST!



COMPANY FOR YOU, DOODLE OLD BOY!

EEE-YAH!



I'M TOO SOFHEARTED TO WATCH WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO THAT KID--!

ME TOO-- LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM!



BUT JOHNNY HAS COME TO--

FREE--

NOW?

NO, YOU DOPE! WHAT D'YA THINK I'VE GOT THIS SOLUTION K FOR?



THE BLOW LANDS ON THE UPTURNED NEEDLE--

--YAH!



INSTANTLY DOODLE IS HIS OLD SELF AGAIN!!

NOW, LET'S SEE-- I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE YOU A FULL CONFESSION, YOUNG MAN, WASN'T I?

THAT'S RIGHT-- BECAUSE I HAD THE GOODS ON YOU-- BUT LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



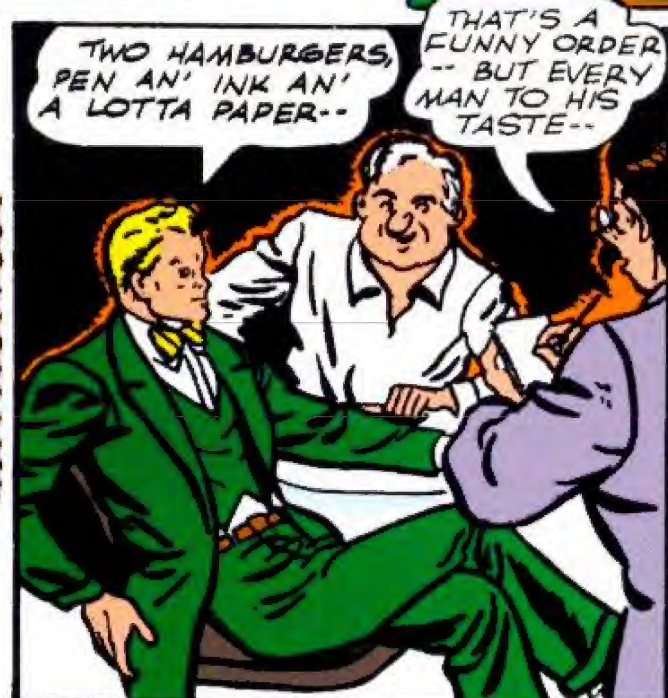
YOU SEE, YOU'RE IN BAD COMPANY HERE!

MY BUTLER-- THE SCAMP! WITH UNCOUTH PERSONS!



I'D LIKE TO GO BACK AND FIRE HIM!

THERE ISN'T TIME! FIRST I GOTTA GET YOUR CONFESSION SO I CAN THROW YOU AND THE REST OF THE CROOKS IN JAIL--



TWO HAMBURGERS, PEN AN' INK AN' A LOTTA PAPER--

THAT'S A FUNNY ORDER -- BUT EVERY MAN TO HIS TASTE--



OSCAR K. DOODLE WRITES A FULL CONFESSION...

SO YOU'RE NOT A REAL CROOK AFTER ALL, MR. DOODLE!

NO, THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU WHEN MY VILE BUTLER CAME IN AND JABBED ME IN THE ARM--

IN A NEARBY RESTAURANT



-AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT THE RACKETEERS WHO RUN THE SUPPLY HOUSES WERE SELLING ME COLORED SAND INSTEAD OF CEMENT I WAS GOING TO TELL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- THEN YOU CAME IN--

GEE, I'M DISAPPOINTED

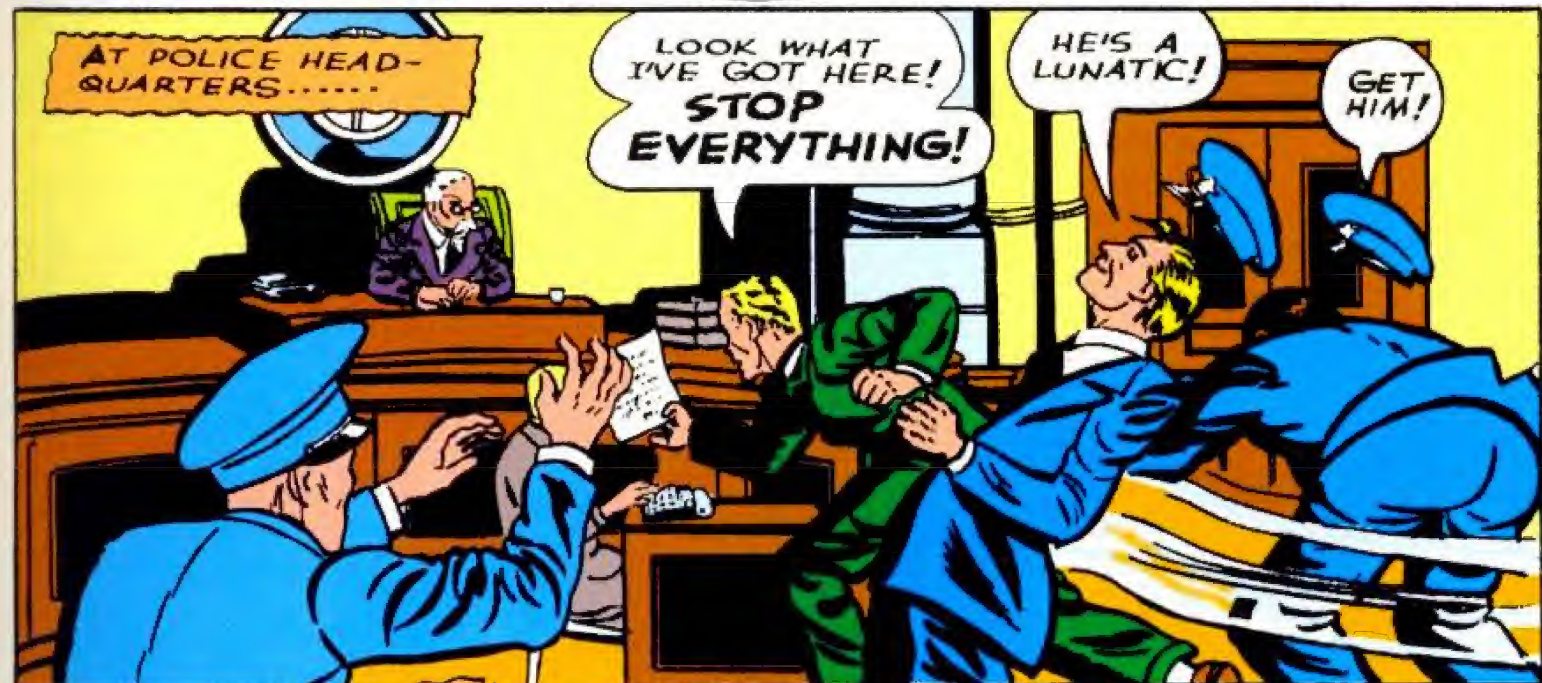


--I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A REAL CROOK!

WELL, WITH THIS INFORMATION YOU CAN ROUND UP THE WHOLE CROWD--!



WOW! THAT'S RIGHT! YOU EAT BOTH THE HAM-BURGERS, MR. DOODLE-- I'M GONNA BE BUSY FOR AWHILE-- KEEP 'EM FLYING!



AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS.....

LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT HERE!
STOP EVERYTHING!

HE'S A LUNATIC!

GET HIM!



BUT THE CHIEF READS DOODLE'S STATEMENT--

THIS IS SOMETHING! ROUND UP THE RIOT SQUAD!

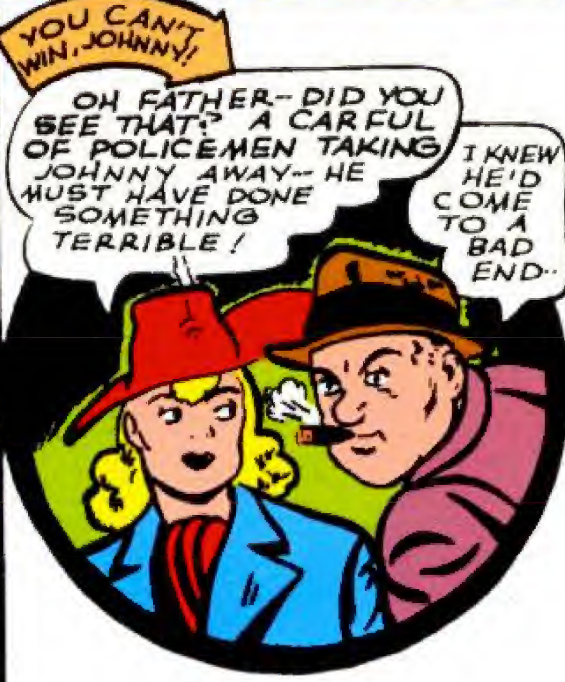
I TOLD YOU!



OBOY!-- IS JOHNNY PROUD!.....

THERE'S DAISY AND HER DAD--
HELLO, DAISY!

NO PARKING



YOU CAN'T WIN, JOHNNY!

OH FATHER-- DID YOU SEE THAT? A CARFUL OF POLICEMEN TAKING JOHNNY AWAY-- HE MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING TERRIBLE!

I KNEW HE'D COME TO A BAD END..

BUT JOHNNY IS REALLY DOING AN IMPORTANT JOB THIS TIME-- AND WITHOUT THE HELP OF HIS THUNDERBOLT....

THIS IS THE PLACE, MEN!! UP AND AT 'EM!

N.G. CEMENT COMPANY, INC.



INSIDE THE PLANT....

THIS COLORED SAND LOOKS LIKE REAL CEMENT-- ONLY IT DON'T HOLD BUILDINGS UP--!

WHAT'S THE DIFF? OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE TO BE SATISFIED -- OR ELSE!



BUT AGAIN JUSTICE TRIUMPHS---

CAUGHT! RED-HANDED!!

WHERE'S THE REST OF THE GANG?

THEY'RE OUT GETTING MORE BUSINESS !!



AT THAT MOMENT, THE GANG IS DOING A LITTLE SALESMANSHIP...

BUT YOUR CEMENT IS NO GOOD! LOOK HOW WOBBLY THAT BUILDING IS !!

HA-HA- IT DOES LOOK A LITTLE SHAKY!



BUT AGAIN JOHNNY IS ON THE JOB---

THE LEADERS OF THE GANG! NAB THEM!



STOP!

IT'S THE COPS! LET'S BEAT IT UP ON THE BUILDING WHERE WE CAN MACHINE-GUN THEM!



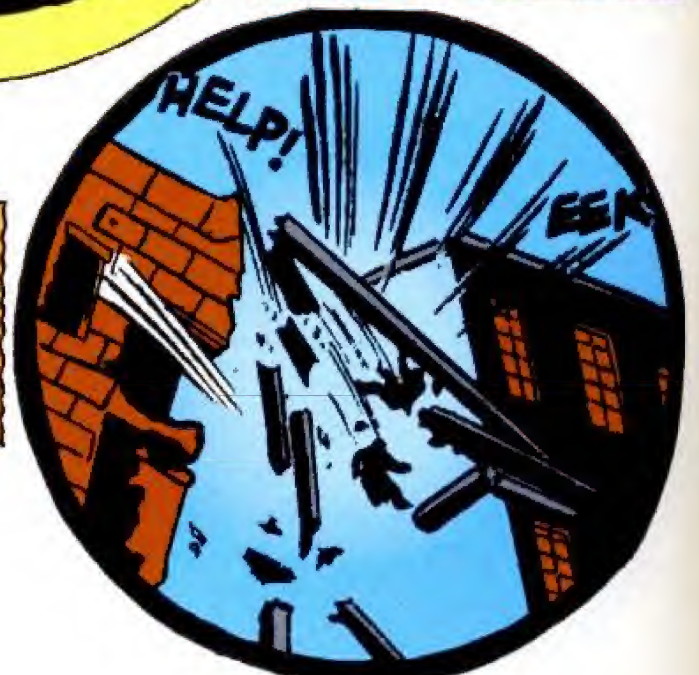
HEY! IT'S WOBBLY UP HERE!

A BUILDING LIKE THIS AIN'T SAFE! THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!



THE SHAKY STRUCTURE CRASHES

HELP!





WE'LL TALK, BUT GET US OUT OF THIS MESS!

YOU LOOK NICE AND COZY IN THERE--

WELL, THE BOYS WILL BE BUSY FOR AWHILE!



I'LL HUSTLE OVER TO DOODLE'S PLACE AND CLEAN UP THINGS BEFORE THE COPS GET THERE!



JOHNNY FEELS REAL TOUGH NOW!

WHAT? YOU HERE AGAIN?

YES! AND IN TWO MINUTES THE WHOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SURROUNDING THE PLACE! SUR-RENDER?



I THINK THIS GUY'S LOONEY!



JOHNNY FALLS TO THE FLOOR AND ROLLS UNDER A TABLE..... JUST THEN.....

HE WAS RIGHT! WE ARE SURROUNDED!



NO ONE KNOWS THAT JOHNNY IS STILL UNDER THE TABLE.....

THIS ABOUT CLEANS UP THE WHOLE GANG!

JUST WHEN I WAS BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE HIGH LIFE!



THEN, AS JOHNNY COMES TO, A SINISTER FIGURE ENTERS THE ROOM---

NO ONE HOME-- FUNNY, I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET THE BOYS HERE!

I PUT THEM IN JAIL, PROFESSOR ELBA! AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING TOO!



WE'LL TALK THAT OVER IN MY LABORATORY, MY YOUNG FRIEND!

WELL, SO FAR JOHNNY HASN'T USED HIS PET THUNDERBOLT --- BUT LOOK WHERE IT'S GOTTEN HIM!



SO, YOU YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD UNDO MY GOOD WORK!

GEE, I'M GLAD DAISY CAN'T SEE ME LIKE THIS!

LOOK WHO'S HERE AGAIN -

I'LL GET A NICE FRESH SHOT OF THIS VIRUS FOR YOU!

HOW ABOUT IT, JOHNNY? LET ME FOKE HIM JUST ONCE... SAY THE WORD...

NO! THAT'S WHAT I SAY... YOU UNDER-
STAND?

BUT WILLY-NILLY JOHNNY HAS PRONOUNCED THE MAGIC WORDS "SAY YOU"! HE DOESN'T REALIZE IT BUT THE THUNDERBOLT DOES...

GOODY! GOODY! NOW I CAN HAVE SOME FUN!



NOW THIS WON'T HURT A BIT...

YOU TOAD! OH, HOW I WISH THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY WERE HERE!



IN A FLASH THE THUNDERBOLT GATHERS UP THE MEMBERS

WOW! IT'S JOHNNY'S THUNDERBOLT!

JOHNNY MUST BE IN TROUBLE!

I HOPE WE GET THERE IN TIME!

AT THIS RATE, WE WILL!



PROFESSOR ELBA FINDS HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY

GOSH DING IT! I DID CALL IN MY THUNDERBOLT AFTER ALL!

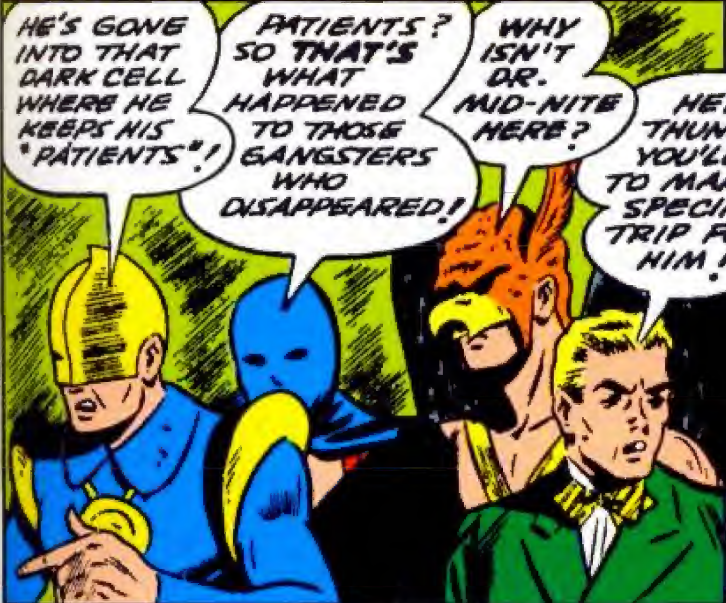
JOHNNY, WHO IS THIS MAN?

BEFORE JOHNNY CAN ANSWER, THE WILY PROFESSOR SWITCHES OUT THE LIGHTS

HEY! LIGHTS! HE'S FOOLED US AGAIN!

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN THE VICIOUS PROFESSOR IS GONE . . .

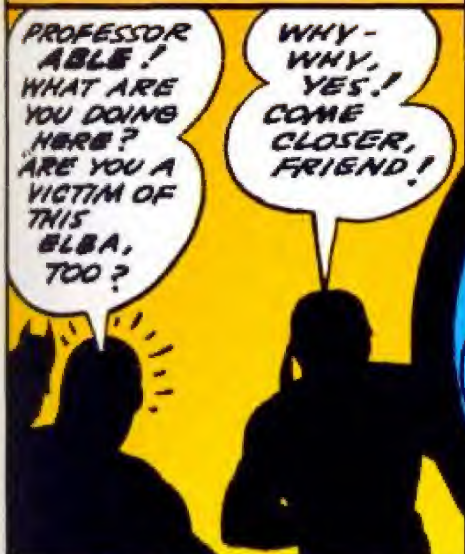
THE THUNDERBOLT DOES... YOU SEE, JOHNNY'S FIRST WISH WAS FOR THE MEMBERS ONLY . . .



DR. MID-NITE CONFRONTS THE CORNERED PROFESSOR ELBA IN THE DARKNESS... BUT WHAT'S THIS?

REALIZING THAT DR. MID-NITE DOES NOT KNOW HIM AS PROFESSOR ELBA, HE STRIKES SUDDENLY... WITH THE VIRUS NEEDLE STILL IN HIS HAND...

BUT DR. MIDNITE SIDE-STEPS THE BLOW AND THE CULPRIT JABS THE NEEDLE INTO HIS OWN ARM...



HE IMMEDIATELY GOES RAVING MAD AND CRASHES THROUGH A WINDOW TO HIS DOOM . . .

THUS ENDS THE SHORT AND TERRIBLE CAREER OF PROFESSOR ELBA, A VICTIM OF HIS OWN VICIOUSNESS!





JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

HAWKMAN... THE SPECTRE
DOCTOR FATE... JOHNNY THUNDER
THE ATOM... THE SANDMAN
DOCTOR MIDNITE... STARMAN
AND
THE HONORARY MEMBERS
SUPERMAN... BATMAN
THE FLASH... GREEN LANTERN
INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND THEIR
NEXT MEETING !!



HEMISPHERE DEFENSE
IS THE KEYNOTE OF THE
NEXT MEETING
OF THE JUSTICE
SOCIETY OF AMERICA!
CULLED FROM THEIR
EVER-ALERT BATTLES
AGAINST THE CRIMINAL
AND THE LAWLESS,
THE MEMBERS
OF THE JUSTICE
SOCIETY RALLY
TOGETHER FOR A
PATRIOTIC MEETING!

Read
ALL ABOUT IT
IN ALL STAR
COMICS NO. 9!

ALL STAR
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WILL BE ON SALE
EVERYWHERE
JUST BEFORE
XMAS!!

THE DEFENDERS OF LAW
AND JUSTICE IN THEIR
DIFFERENT LOCALITIES
ARE ONCE MORE CALLED
UPON TO FIGHT BE-
NEATH THE STARS AND
STRIPES... UNOFFICIALLY
OF COURSE! EVER SINCE
THEIR GREAT FEAT
OF RIDDING THE
UNITED STATES
OF FOREIGN
SPIES AND AGENTS,
THE F.B.I. CHIEF
IN WASHINGTON
HAS HAD HIS
EYE ON THEM!
NOW ONCE
AGAIN HE HAS
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THEIR AID!



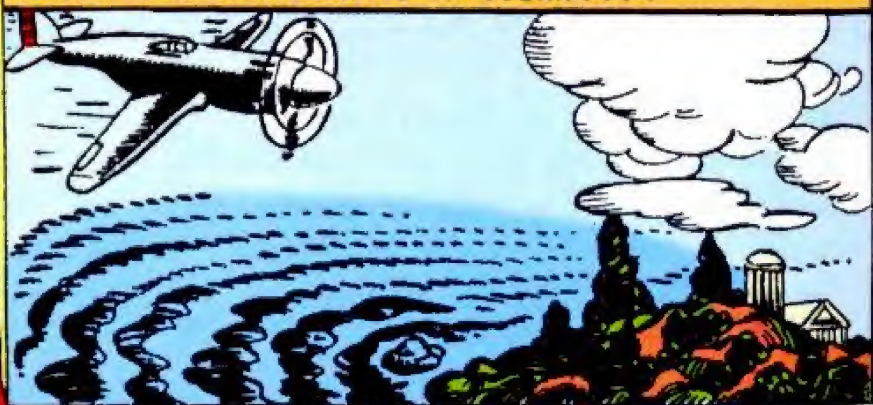
Introducing **Wonder Woman**

TRADE MARK, APPLICATION PENDING



AT LAST, IN A WORLD TORN BY THE HATREDS AND WARS OF MEN, APPEARS A WOMAN TO WHOM THE PROBLEMS AND FEATS OF MEN ARE MERE CHILD'S PLAY—A WOMAN WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO NONE, BUT WHOSE SENSATIONAL FEATS ARE OUTSTANDING IN A FAST-MOVING WORLD! WITH A HUNDRED TIMES THE AGILITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR BEST MALE ATHLETES AND STRONGEST WRESTLERS, SHE APPEARS AS THOUGH FROM NOWHERE TO AVENGE AN INJUSTICE OR RIGHT A WRONG! AS LOVELY AS APHRODITE—AS WISE AS ATHENA—WITH THE SPEED OF MERCURY AND THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES—SHE IS KNOWN ONLY AS **WONDER WOMAN**, BUT WHO SHE IS, OR WHENCE SHE CAME, NOBODY KNOWS!

TO BEGIN THE STRANGE HISTORY OF "WONDER WOMAN," LET US GO OUT OVER THE SEA AND FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF A PLANE, ENTIRELY OUT OF GASOLINE! AS WE WATCH, IT FLOUNDERS HELPLESSLY IN THE SKY, AND FINALLY CRASHES ON THE SHORES OF AN UNCHARTED ISLE SET IN THE MIDST OF A VAST EXPANSE OF OCEAN . . .



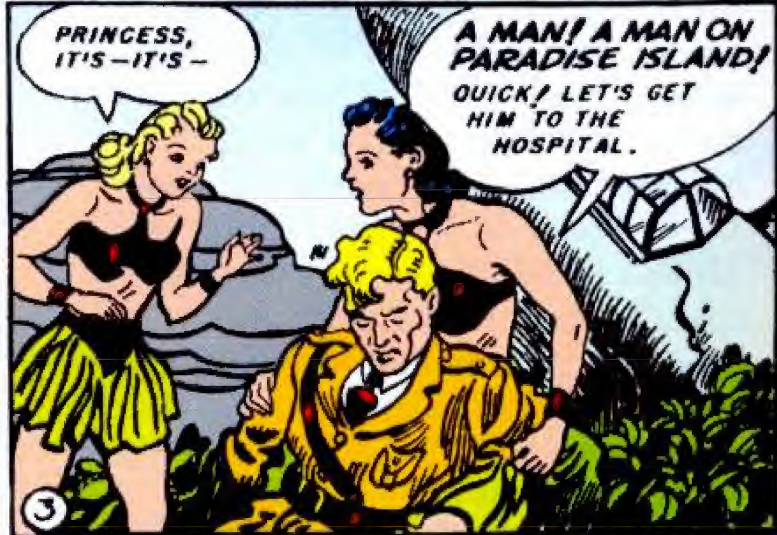
by
CHARLES MOULTON

BURSTING FROM THE SURROUNDING FOLIAGE, TWO BEAUTIFUL FIGURES RACE TOWARD THE WRECKED PLANE.



LOOK, PRINCESS, A STRANGE PLANE!

WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? COME ON, LET'S SEE IF ANYONE IS HURT!



PRINCESS, IT'S—IT'S—

A MAN! A MAN ON PARADISE ISLAND! QUICK! LET'S GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

CARRYING THE FULL GROWN MAN AS IF HE WERE A CHILD, THE YOUNG WOMAN STEPS THROUGH THE FOLIAGE AND ENTERS THE STREETS OF A CITY THAT FOR ALL THE WORLD SEEMS TO BE BORN OF ANCIENT GREECE!



A MAN!

HOW DID HE GET HERE?

SOMEONE TELL THE QUEEN THERE'S A MAN ON PARADISE ISLAND!

AT THE HOSPITAL —

IS HE ALL RIGHT? WILL HE LIVE?

I DON'T KNOW, HE'S HAD A CONCUSSION. WE WON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR DAYS. I WONDER WHAT THE QUEEN WILL DO WITH HIM. HE CAN'T BE MOVED.



SUDDENLY, HIPPOLYTE, THE QUEEN, ENTERS THE HOSPITAL ROOM...

MOTHER!

THE QUEEN!

I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A MAN HERE, BUT I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. WHO IS HE?



HIS PLANE CRASHED ON THE BEACH OF THE ISLAND THIS MORNING. THE PRINCESS AND MALA BROUGHT HIM HERE. I FOUND THESE PAPERS IN HIS POCKET.

» CAPT. STEVEN TREVOR, U.S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. HMM. WE CAN'T LET HIM DIE. SEE THAT HE GETS THE BEST OF ATTENTION. KEEP HIS EYES COVERED SO THAT, IF HE SHOULD AWAKE, HE WILL SEE NOTHING! HAVE HIS PLANE REPAIRED, FOR HE MUST LEAVE AS SOON AS HE IS WELL! KEEP ME INFORMED OF HIS PROGRESS!



IN THE ENSUING DAYS, THE PRINCESS, THE QUEEN'S ONLY DAUGHTER, IS CONSTANTLY AT THE BEDSIDE OF THE UNCONSCIOUS MAN, HELPING — WATCHING —

YOU OUGHT TO GET SOME SLEEP, PRINCESS. YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB NOW FOR FOURTEEN HOURS.

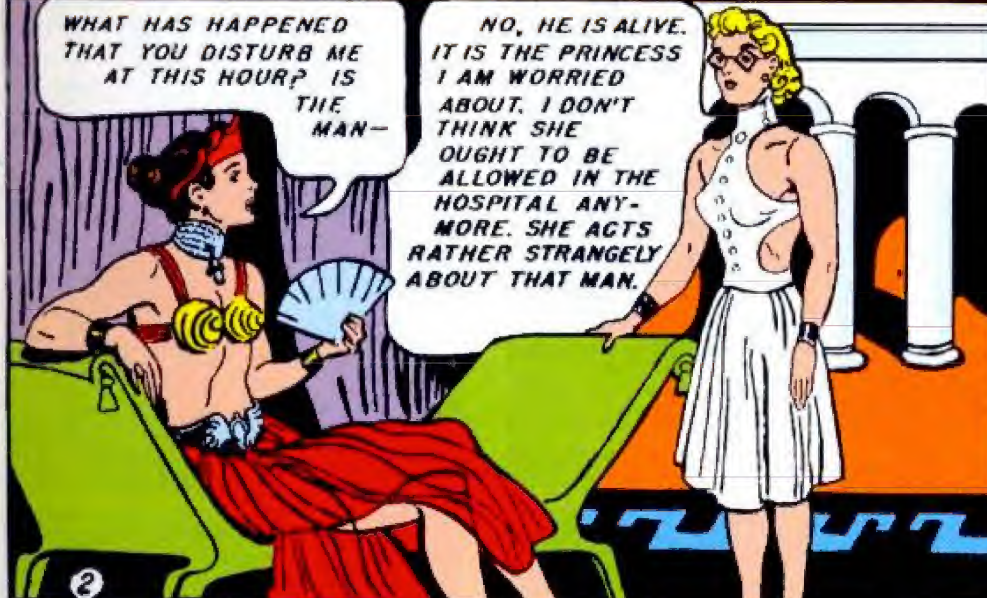
NEVER MIND ME. WE - WE MUST MAKE HIM WELL.



LEAVING THE PRINCESS TO WATCH OVER THE INJURED PILOT, THE DOCTOR SEEKS AUDIENCE WITH THE QUEEN...

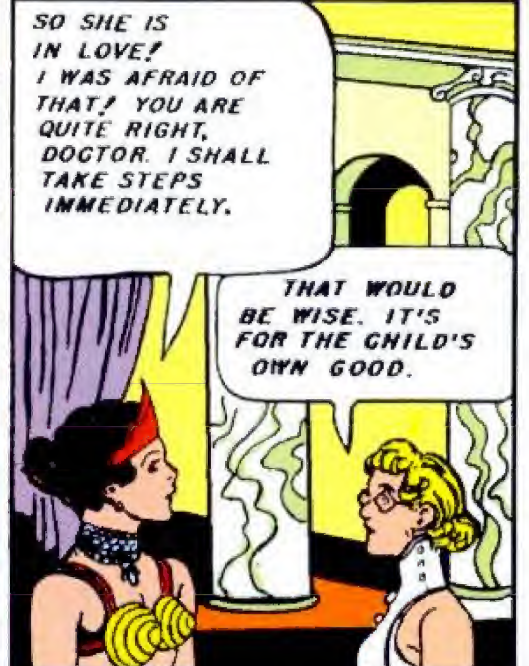
WHAT HAS HAPPENED THAT YOU DISTURB ME AT THIS HOUR? IS THE MAN—

NO, HE IS ALIVE. IT IS THE PRINCESS I AM WORRIED ABOUT. I DON'T THINK SHE OUGHT TO BE ALLOWED IN THE HOSPITAL ANYMORE. SHE ACTS RATHER STRANGELY ABOUT THAT MAN.



SO SHE IS IN LOVE! I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT, DOCTOR. I SHALL TAKE STEPS IMMEDIATELY.

THAT WOULD BE WISE. IT'S FOR THE CHILD'S OWN GOOD.



AND SO THE PRINCESS, FORBIDDEN THE PLEASURE OF NURSING THE ONLY MAN SHE CAN RECALL EVER HAVING SEEN IN HER LIFE, GOES TO HER MOTHER, HIPPOLYTE, THE QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS.

BUT MOTHER — I DON'T UNDERSTAND — I MUST SEE HIM! I MUST KNOW WHO HE IS, HOW HE GOT HERE! AND WHY HE MUST LEAVE? I—I LOVE HIM!

I WAS AFRAID, DAUGHTER, THAT THE TIME WOULD SOME DAY ARRIVE THAT I WOULD HAVE TO SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY. COME — I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!

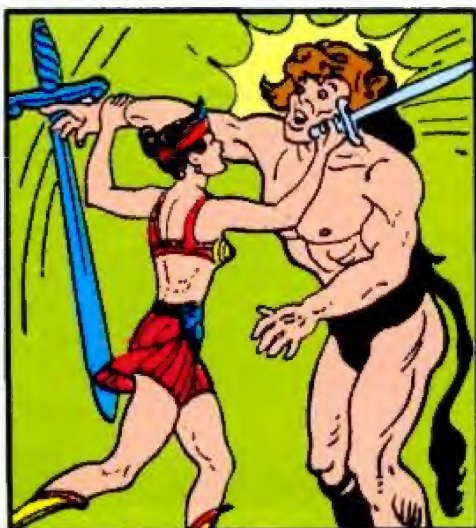


AND THIS IS THE STARTLING STORY UNFOLDED BY HIPPOLYTE, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS, TO THE PRINCESS, HER DAUGHTER!

In the days of Ancient Greece, many centuries ago, we Amazons were the foremost nation in the world. In Amazonia, women ruled and all was well. Then one day, Hercules, the strongest man in the world, stung by taunts that he couldn't conquer the Amazon women, selected his strongest and fiercest warriors and landed on our shores. I challenged him to personal combat—because I knew that with my MAGIC GIRDLE, given me by Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, I could not lose.

And win I did! But Hercules, by deceit and trickery, managed to secure my MAGIC GIRDLE—and soon we Amazons were taken into slavery. And Aphrodite, angry at me for having succumbed to the wiles of men, would do naught to help us!

With the MAGIC GIRDLE in my possession, it didn't take us long to overcome our masters, the MEN—and taking from them their entire fleet, we set sail for another shore, for it was Aphrodite's condition that we leave the man-made world and establish a new world of our own! Aphrodite also decreed that we must always wear these bracelets fashioned by our captors, as a reminder that we must always keep aloof from men.



Finally our submission to men became unbearable—we could stand it no longer—and I appealed to the Goddess Aphrodite again. This time not in vain, for she relented and with her help, I secured the MAGIC GIRDLE from Hercules.



And so, after sailing the seas many days and many nights, we found Paradise Island and settled here to build a new World! With its fertile soil, its marvelous vegetation—its varied natural resources—here is no want, no illness, no hatreds, no wars, and as long as we remain on Paradise Island and I retain the MAGIC GIRDLE, we have the power of Eternal Life—so long as we do not permit ourselves to be again beguiled by men! We are indeed a race of Wonder Women!



That was the promise of Aphrodite—and we must keep our promise to her if we are to remain here safe and in peace!

That is why this American must go and as soon as possible!



Come, let me show you the Magic Sphere you've heard me talk about. It was given to me by Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom, just after we conquered the Herculeans and set sail for Paradise Island! It is through this Magic Sphere that I have been able to know what has gone on and is going on in the other world, and even, at times, forecast the future!



That is why we Amazons have been able to far surpass the inventions of the so-called man-made civilization! We are not only stronger and wiser than men—but our weapons are better—our flying machines are further advanced! And it is through the knowledge

that I have gained from this Magic Sphere that I have taught you, my daughter, all the arts and sciences and languages of modern as well as ancient times!

But let us see where your American captain came from and how he got here. Watch closely—



WHAT THE MAGIC SPHERE
REVEALS...

SIR, I'VE COME TO
REPORT THAT I HAVE
AT LAST UNCOVERED
INFORMATION AS TO
WHO THE LEADERS
OF THE SPY RING
ARE. I'D LIKE
PERMISSION TO
CLOSE IN ON THEM
PERSONALLY!

BUT THAT'S
RIDICULOUS,
CAPTAIN.
YOU'RE THE
MOST VAL-
UABLE MAN
IN THE ARMY INTEL-
LIGENCE DEPART-
MENT. WE CAN'T
RISK LOSING YOU!

THAT MAY BE, SIR.
BUT THESE MEN
ARE DANGEROUS
AND CAPTURING
THEM IS A JOB I'D
RATHER NOT SHIFT
ON ANYONE ELSE'S
SHOULDERS.
I'D HOPED YOU'D
UNDERSTAND, SIR.

HMM. I BELIEVE
I DO, SON... I
BELIEVE I DO..
GO TO IT, AND
THE BEST OF
LUCK TO YOU!

THAT NIGHT, STEVE TREVOR
DRIVES TO A HIDDEN AIRFIELD
NOT FAR FROM AN ARMY AIR BASE...

THOSE RATS HAVE THEIR
PLANES HIDDEN HERE.
VON STORM SHOULD DRIVE
PAST HERE ANY MINUTE.
IF I CAN CAPTURE HIM—
THEIR LEADER—A CLEAN-
UP JOB WILL BE SIMPLE.

MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER CAR,
APPROACHING STEVE'S HIDING
PLACE...

TONIGHT WE STRIKE. WE SEND
OUR PLANES INTO THE STRATO-
SPHERE WHERE THEY CANNOT
BE SEEN, AND BOMB AMERICAN
AIR FIELDS AND TRAINING
CAMPS. SINCE OUR PLANES
WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED, IT
CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN
ACT OF WAR —

SUDDENLY, AS THE CAR PASSES
STEVE'S HIDING PLACE....

VAS
IST?

JUST TAKE IT EASY,
BOYS - YOU'VE
GOT COMPANY!

IF YOU'LL BE GOOD
ENOUGH TO STOP
THE CAR AND STEP
OUT QUIETLY, THERE
WON'T BE ANY
TROUBLE, GENTLEMEN —

THE DRIVER SWERVES THE CAR SUDDENLY AND GRASHES INTO
A TREE.....

GOOT WORK,
FRITZ!

HA, GENTLEMEN! THE
QUICK THINKING OF OUR
DRIVER HAS NETTED FOR
US AN AMERICAN
OFFICER.

HE IS NOT
HURT, JUST
UNCONSCIOUS.
HE WILL COME
IN HANDY FOR
OUR PLANS,
NIGHT WAR?

VON STORM AND HIS MEN ENTER THE SECRET AIRFIELD WITH THEIR CAPTURED PRIZE . . .

HE IS THAT CAPTAIN TREVOR WHO HAS BEEN GIVING US SO MUCH TROUBLE. IT IS A GOOD THING THAT WE HAVE ONE OF THE AMERICAN ROBOT PLANES THAT WE STOLE.



YOU, FRITZ, GET THE AMERICAN PLANE READY AND SET THE ROBOT CONTROLS. I WANT IT TO BE FLYING SO THAT IT CAN BE SEEN OVER THE AMERICAN AIRDROME. WHILE YOU, IN THE STRATOPLANE, DROP BOMBS FROM WAY ABOVE!

AH! AND SO WE PUT OUR AMERICAN OFFICER IN THE ROBOT PLANE!

THE MALIGNANCE OF YOUR IDEAS IS REFRESHING, MEIN HERR.



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE AMERICAN AIRDROME —

HEY, LOOK! ISN'T THAT ONE OF OUR PLANES?

YEAH, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO LAND!



AND AT THAT MOMENT . . .

THE ROBOT PLANE IS DIRECTLY OVER THE AIRDROME, MEIN HERR.

**GOOD!
RELEASE
YOUR
BOMBS!**



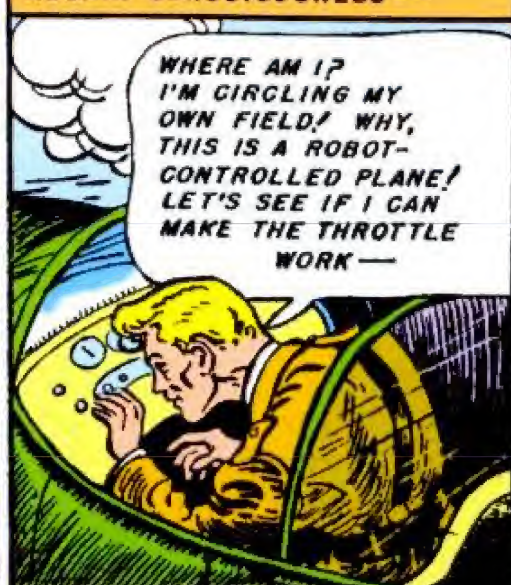
WHAT IN THE WORLD! ONE OF OUR OWN PLANES DROPPING BOMBS ON US!

THERE'S SOMETHING QUEER GOING ON HERE!

DUCK! RUN FOR COVER. THAT PILOT, WHOEVER HE IS, IS CIRCLING TO DROP ANOTHER LOAD—

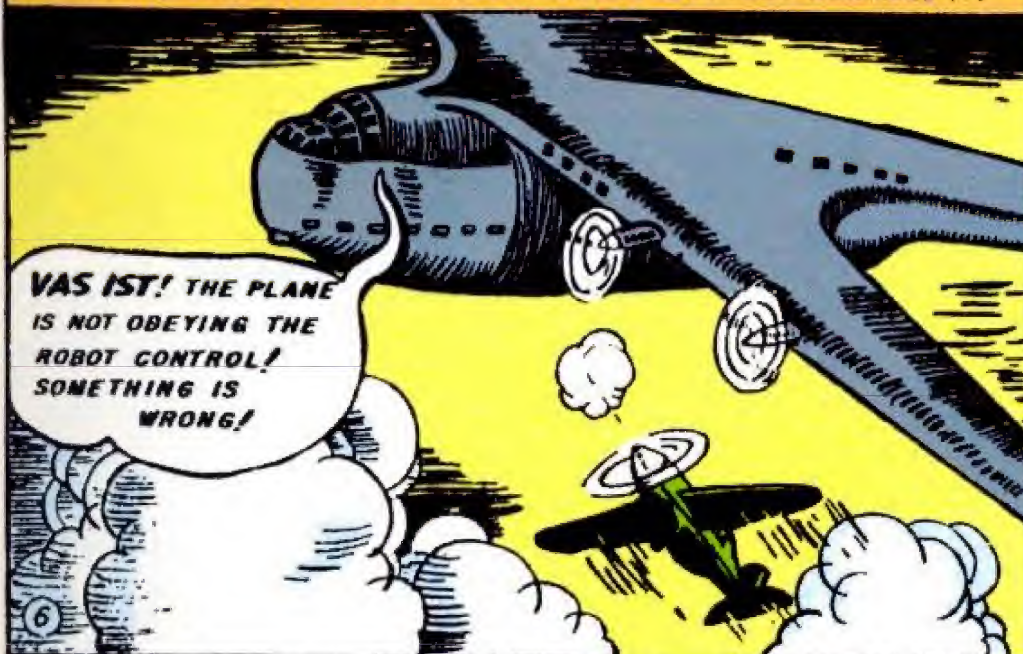
AND IN THE ROBOT PLANE, STEVE TREVOR BEGINS TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS —

WHERE AM I? I'M CIRCLING MY OWN FIELD! WHY, THIS IS A ROBOT-CONTROLLED PLANE! LET'S SEE IF I CAN MAKE THE THROTTLE WORK —



SUDDENLY, THE PILOT OF THE SPY PLANE BECOMES ALARMED . . .

VAS IST! THE PLANE IS NOT OBEYING THE ROBOT CONTROL! SOMETHING IS WRONG!



SOMETHING IS WRONG — RADICALLY WRONG — FOR STEVE TREVOR HAS SIZED UP THE SITUATION, AND IS AT ONCE ON THE TAIL OF THE SPY PLANE . . .



FRITZ, THE PILOT OF THE SPY PLANE, IS PANIC-STRICKEN AS HE REALIZES THAT HE HAS A SKILLED OPPONENT ON HIS TAIL... HE RADIOS FOR INSTRUCTIONS...

VON STORM IS FURIOUS AT THE WAY HIS PLANS ARE GOING —

THE STRATOPLANE TURNS TAIL AND RUNS — STEVE FOLLOWS...

VON STORM! THE AMERICAN HAS RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS. HE IS TURNING THE ROBOT PLANE AGAINST ME. I CAN'T SHOOT HIM DOWN! WHAT SHALL I DO? HELLO VON STORM, DO YOU HEAR ME?

YOU FOOL! DON'T LET HIM SHOOT YOU DOWN! THEY MUST NOT FIND OUT THIS PLAN! THEY MUST NOT KNOW YOU DROPPED THOSE BOMBS! GET HIM AWAY FROM HIS FIELD —

HE'S TURNED TAIL, THE SKUNK! I'VE GOT TO SHOOT HIM DOWN, BUT HE KEEPS MOVING TOO HIGH FOR ME. I'LL CATCH HIM IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

ALWAYS OUT OF SHOOTING RANGE, THE BLACK PLANE KEEPS STEVE FOLLOWING UNTIL THEY ARE FAR OUT AT SEA

HOURS PASS AND MANY MILES — HUNDREDS OF MILES — PASS WITH THEM, BUT STEVE KEEPS DOGGEDLY ON THE TRAIL OF THE ENEMY PLANE UNTIL FINALLY HIS GAS BEGINS TO RUN LOW —

RUNNING SHORT OF GAS, LOOKS LIKE HE HAS ME LICKED!

I WONDER HOW LONG HE'S GOING TO KEEP THIS UP! WELL, AS LONG AS THERE IS GAS LEFT IN THIS CRATE, I'M GOING TO STAY WITH HIM —

WAIT! WHAT'S THAT BELOW? CAN IT BE AN ISLAND? IT SEEMS SURROUNDED BY CLOUD FORMATIONS!

WELL, DAUGHTER, THERE'S THE HISTORY OF YOUR CAPTAIN UP TO THE VERY MOMENT HIS PLANE CRASHED ON PARADISE ISLAND!

BUT MOTHER, HE MUST BE TAKEN BACK TO AMERICA TO FINISH THE JOB HE STARTED!

GETTING HIM BACK WOULD BE A PROBLEM. LEAVE ME ALONE, MY DAUGHTER. I MUST CONSULT WITH APHRODITE AND ATHENA, OUR GODDESSES. I MUST SEEK THEIR ADVICE!

YES, MOTHER.

IT WOULDN'T BE ANY TRICK AT ALL FOR ME TO FLY HIM BACK MYSELF, BUT MOTHER WOULD NEVER HEAR OF IT.

IN THE QUEEN'S SOLITUDE, THE SPIRITS OF APHRODITE AND ATHENA, THE GUIDING GODDESSES OF THE AMAZONS, APPEAR AS THOUGH IN A MIST . . .

HIPPOLYTE, WE HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU WARNING. DANGER AGAIN THREATENS THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE GODS HAVE DECREED THAT THIS AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER CRASH ON PARADISE ISLAND. YOU MUST DELIVER HIM BACK TO AMERICA — TO HELP FIGHT THE FORCES OF HATE AND OPPRESSION.

YES, HIPPOLYTE, AMERICAN LIBERTY AND FREEDOM MUST BE PRESERVED! YOU MUST SEND WITH HIM YOUR STRONGEST AND WISEST AMAZON — THE FINEST OF YOUR WONDER WOMEN! — FOR AMERICA, THE LAST CITADEL OF DEMOCRACY, AND OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, NEEDS YOUR HELP!

YES, APHRODITE, YES, ATHENA. I HEED YOUR CALL. I SHALL FIND THE STRONGEST AND WISEST OF THE AMAZONS. SHE SHALL GO FORTH TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND FREEDOM AND ALL WOMANKIND!

AND SO THE AMAZON QUEEN PREPARES A TOURNAMENT TO DECIDE WHICH IS THE MOST CAPABLE OF HER SUBJECTS . . .

BUT MOTHER, WHY CAN'T I ENTER INTO THIS TOURNAMENT? SURELY, I HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT —

NO, DAUGHTER. NO! I FORBID YOU TO ENTER THE CONTEST!

THE WINNER MUST TAKE THIS MAN BACK TO AMERICA AND NEVER RETURN, AND I COULDN'T BEAR TO HAVE YOU LEAVE ME FOREVER!

THE GREAT DAY ARRIVES! FROM ALL PARTS OF PARADISE ISLAND COME THE AMAZON CONTESTANTS! BUT ONE YOUNG CONTESTANT INSISTS ON WEARING A MASK . . .

IF YOU ARE ALL READY, LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN — AND MAY THE BEST MAIDEN WIN!

THE TESTS BEGIN! FIRST...THE FOOT RACE! A TRAINED DEER SETS THE PACE! AS THE DEER EASILY OUTRUNS THE PACK, SUDDENLY THE SLIM MASKED FIGURE DARTS FORWARD, HER LEGS CHURNING MADLY . . .

AND NOT ONLY CATCHES UP WITH THE DEER — BUT PASSES IT!

AS THE TESTS OF STRENGTH AND AGILITY GO ON THROUGHOUT THE DAY, MORE AND MORE CONTESTANTS DROP OUT WEARILY, UNTIL NUMBER 7, THE MASKED MAIDEN, AND MALA — NUMBER 12 — KEEP WINNING EVENT AFTER EVENT . . . UNTIL EACH HAS WON TEN OF THE BRUELLING CONTESTS!

AND NOW A DEADLY HUSH BLANKETS THE AUDIENCE. THE QUEEN HAS RISEN . . .

CONTESTANTS 7 AND 12. YOU ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE TOURNAMENT! NOW YOU MUST GET READY FOR THE 21ST, THE FINAL AND GREATEST TEST OF ALL — BULLETS AND BRACELETS!

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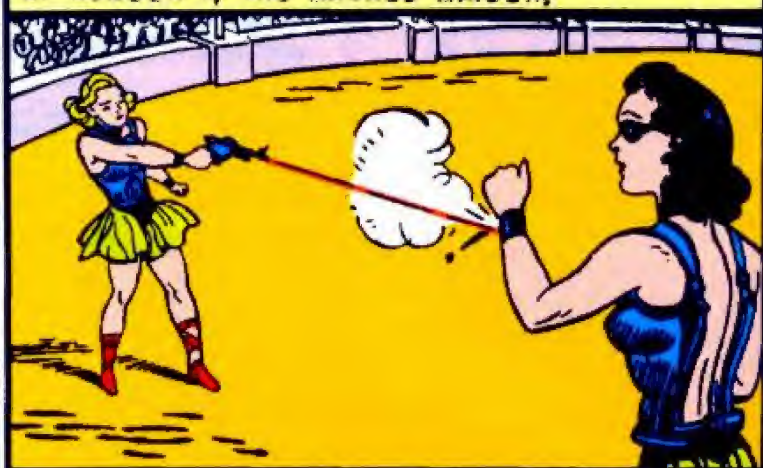
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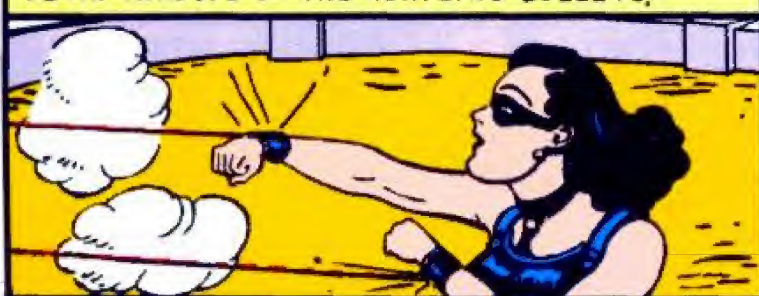
EACH OF YOU WILL SHOOT FIVE TIMES. YOUR OPPONENT MUST CATCH THE BULLETS ON HER BRACELET - OR ELSE EXPECT TO BE WOUNDED! NOW TAKE YOUR PLACES NUMBER 12 WILL SHOOT FIRST.



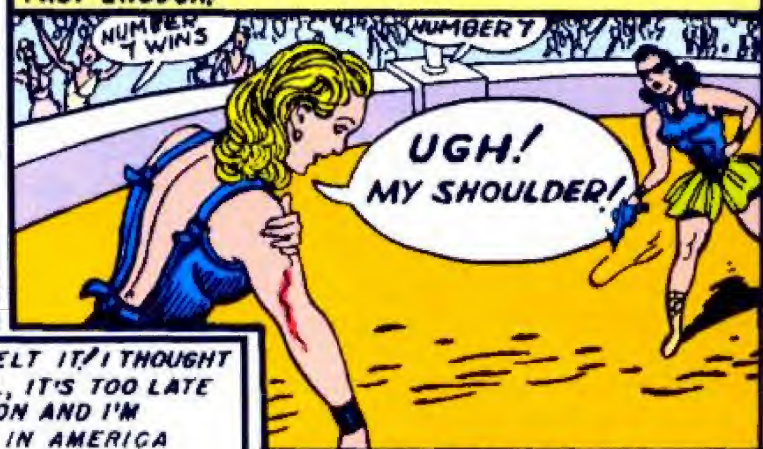
THE COMMAND... AND THE GIRL FIRES POINT-BLANK AT NUMBER 7, THE MASKED MAIDEN!



THE ULTIMATE TEST OF SPEED OF BOTH EYE AND MOVEMENT! NO. 7'S BRACELETS BECOME SILVER FLASHES OF STREAKING LIGHT AS THEY PARRY THE DEATH-THRUSTS OF THE HURTLING BULLETS!



NOT PASSES THE TEST UNSCATHED! NOW IT IS HER TURN TO FIRE. HER OPPONENT'S FAST - BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!



THE WINNER... CONTESTANT NO. 7 - THE MASKED MAIDEN!

YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR MASK, NUMBER 7! I WANT TO SEE THE FACE OF THE STRONGEST AND MOST AGILE OF ALL THE AMAZONS.

DAUGHTER! YOU!



I KNEW IT - I FELT IT! I THOUGHT PERHAPS - WELL, IT'S TOO LATE NOW! YOU'VE WON AND I'M PROUD OF YOU! IN AMERICA YOU'LL INDEED BE A WONDER WOMAN, FOR I HAVE TAUGHT YOU WELL! AND LET YOURSELF BE KNOWN AS DIANA, AFTER YOUR GODMOTHER, THE GODDESS OF THE MOON! AND HERE IS A COSTUME I HAVE DESIGNED TO BE USED BY THE WINNER, TO WEAR IN AMERICA.

WHY MOTHER, IT'S LOVELY!



AND SO DIANA, THE WONDER WOMAN, GIVING UP HER HERITAGE, AND HER RIGHT TO ETERNAL LIFE, LEAVES PARADISE ISLAND TO TAKE THE MAN SHE LOVES BACK TO AMERICA - THE LAND SHE LEARNS TO LOVE AND PROTECT, AND ADOPTS AS HER OWN!

